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New Downtown Is Focus of Two Meetings

Desman Associates Unveils Three Development Schemes

Princeton Future Architects Offer Range of Possibilities

Just days after Desman Associates unveiled its three downtown development concepts, some 100 Princeton citizens gathered Sunday afternoon in Princeton University's Frist Campus Center to hear Princeton Future's vision for the downtown.

Five Princeton architects, charged with the task of envisioning a new downtown, presented a number of ideas for creating a more viable and livable urban space.

Their scope was larger than the two Borough-owned lots evaluated by Desman Associates, and this was made clear by Princeton Future member Alan Chimacoff, director of design at The Hillier Group.

"Towns often can't plan effectively or efficiently," he said. "A consultant is often hired, but always with a limited charge, often based on who owns what.The resulting revisions are limited. Everything we will discuss today is on the basis of 'what if,' which is the basis of all design."

Mr. Chimacoff said he had faith that, if something good emerged from the architects' presentations, a process of implementation would be developed.

Each of the five architects had worked alone on the project, but they came up with some similar conclusions. One was support for burying the PSE&G transformer

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Dozens of Princeton residents joined Mayor and Council last Tuesday night to hear Desman Associates' initial presentation on how the Borough-owned Park & Shop and Spring Street parking lots might be developed for a garage and other uses.

Three schemes were unveiled, and each was described by Tim Tracey of Desman Associates, the Borough's downtown development consultant. The first provides 535 parking spaces; the second 455; and the third 575. The two ground-level parking lots currently provide a total of 270 spaces.

Several other issues relating to downtown redevelopment were raised during the discussion. The first was the possibility of developing the driveway and parking area (both Borough-owned) that lead from Witherspoon Street into the Spring Street metered lot.

There appears to be enough space to construct shops or cafes on each side, similar to the section of Chambers Walk between Palmer Square East and Witherspoon Street. These shops could be topped by several floors of flats, and an entrance archway could be built to create the feel of a mews.

Another related issue was the possible removal of the PSE&G transformer on Wiggins Street. Borough resident Helmut Schwab provided a new approach to dealing with the transformer, which Princeton Future has estimated would cost about $20 million to move.

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HONORED BY NATION: Princeton University Provost and Professor Jeremiah P. Ostriker is congratulated by President Bill Clinton on receiving a National Medal of Science award in recognition of his contributions to the field of astrophysics.

University Donates $300,000 to Library Construction Fund

On Monday, December 4, Princeton University President Harold Shapiro formally presented a $300,000 check for library construction to Harry Levine, president of the Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees.

The library board is seeking up to $11.5 million in private funds to launch construction of a new library at the corner of Witherspoon and Wiggins streets. Total project costs have been estimated at $17.5 million by The Hillier Group, the library architects.

The Borough and Township, joint owners of the library, have contributed a total of $6 million. With the University's contribution, the amount raised through private funding reached $2 million, Mr. Levine said.

"This support, at a critical stage of our fund-raising, is a huge step toward making our new library a reality," Mr. Levine noted during the

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The First Week of the Christmas Fund Brings Generous Response From Readers

The TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund appeal has already brought a heart-warming response, with contributions that far exceed last year's. Since last Wednesday, $5,247 has been received, compared with $2,315 in the same period last year. These contributions, combined with the donations that have accumulated since February, when last year's appeal was closed, brings the fund to $6,019.

Many are assisted through difficult times by the Christmas Fund, and every donation assures that a helping hand remains available. People whose own resources are not sufficient to get them through emergencies are aided by the Fund, which also provides support to community groups that help children and assists people in improving their lives through education.

The TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund was there to help Marjorie [all names have been changed] survive a difficult time. A single mother of two, whose husband left her and is not helping support the family, Marjorie works part-time and goes to school full time. With a partial scholarship, she is usually able to manage her expenses. But last winter she got behind on her fuel bill and received a shut-off notice.

Distressed, she came to Family & Children's Services, which administers the Christmas Fund. She was helped to pay her bill, and was also guided in setting up a payment plan, which brought her back on her budgeting track. Marjorie hopes to graduate next year and has been promised a promotion and salary increase.

Checks should be made payable to the Town Topics Christmas Fund and sent to P.O. Box 664, Princeton 08542. Contributions may also be brought to the Town Topics office at 4 Mercer Street.

All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.

Angry Woman Causes Bomb Scare at PMC

A woman who was upset about treatment received at the Princeton Medical Center, 253 Witherspoon Street, called a nursing supervisor on the telephone November 30 at 5:40 p.m. and stated there was a bomb somewhere in the building.

"She was angry at the hospital staff," said Borough captain Charles Davall. "She said everybody there was nasty, and that there was a bomb in the building."

Mercer County Sheriff's officers, with bomb sniffing dogs, along with Borough officers and Princeton Medical Center employees, searched the hospital for nearly five hours. Officers left at 10:20 p.m. There was no evacuation, and no bomb was found.

Davall said police are trying to determine where the call was placed. He also said the decision not to evacuate was made by the hospital staff.

"It's their building, and they are in control. It was a practical decision not to do that. How are you going to evacuate an entire hospital? If there were specifics that led us to believe there was a bomb, we would have responded differently."

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April School Construction Referendum To Have at Least $74.2 Million Price Tag

Architect David Hingston, of The Hillier Group, presented three construction options to the Princeton Regional School Board of Education at its meeting of November 28. The least expensive of the three has a price tag of $74.2 million.

At a meeting of the board's PRS facilities committee meeting on December 7, members will decide which option to recommend to the full Board of Education on December 12. The public is invited to attend the facilities committee meeting at 9 a.m., Thursday, at the Valley Road Building.

The plan that is chosen will be the subject of a bond referendum question, on the school election ballot of April 17.

Mr. Hingston presented only one construction option for the elementary schools, including some renovation and new construction at all of them.

The elementary schools are slated for new classrooms,

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enhanced library/media centers, improved science, music and art rooms, better computer labs, and improved health/gymnasium facilities.

A new, two-story library will be built at Community Park School; and an expanded administration area will be added at Johnson Park. Special education classrooms will be added at Littlebrook and Riverside Schools.

Where the three options differ is in their approach to the middle school. The choices are: to construct additions to both the middle school and the high school; to demolish John Witherspoon School and construct a new middle school directly to the north of Princeton High School; and to demolish John Witherspoon and create a new middle school on the same side of Walnut Lane, near Franklin Avenue.

The first option — for $74.2 million — calls for a two-story addition to the middle school that would house a "wellness center," including a new gym; and an academic wing, containing new science labs. The center of the school would remain one story.

An arts center with access to the auditorium would be created in the B wing, on the northern end of the school; and a new technology center would be opened in the former kindergarten rooms. The library would be expanded, as would the cafeteria.

According to Mr. Hingston, plans for the high school remain the same, whether or not the middle school is demolished. They include construction of a new science and math center, a fitness center, and an arts center. The older part of the building would be torn down, but the tower and auditorium, as well as the newer gym would remain.

The new centers would be contained in a two-story addition; and the arts center would open on Walnut Lane.

The second scheme — tearing the middle school down and building a new school that would be linked to the high school — would open up playing fields on the present John Witherspoon School side of Walnut Lane, Mr. Hingston noted.

A fitness center and an arts center in the middle school would have easy access to the high school wellness and arts centers. A new academic wing, in which most of the middle school classes would meet, would minimize interaction between high school and middle school youngsters, an issue that still bothers a number of people.

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What Will Happen to Valley Rd. Building?

A number of groups have expressed an interest in moving into the building at 25 Valley Road — which now houses Township municipal offices, the Princeton Regional School District's administrative offices, Corner House, and the YWCA nursery school — once the Township has moved into its new municipal complex on Witherspoon Street, according to PRS Board President Charlotte Bialek. The building is owned by the school district.

At the school board meeting of December 12, the PRS facilities committee will seek authorization to establish a committee to focus on long-range planning for the Valley Road building, Ms. Bialek said.

The plan is to include representatives of the Township, the Borough, the Regional Planning Board, the school board, and the community, she added.

In addition to long-range planning for Valley Road, the committee will look at "transition" uses for the facility, Ms. Bialek declared. "The school district may need some swing space during the period of the referendum project," she explained. "We're not yet at a point where we can say how we will use the property." There are no plans to move the district's administrative offices.

Other issues, such as joint management — of human resources as well as facilities — will need to be explored, the president added.

The president said she hoped that — with the board's okay — the committee could be formed within the next couple of weeks.

The Township, originally scheduled to move into its new complex by the end of this year, now plans to vacate Valley Road by next summer, according to Township Administrator James Pascale.

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"It would be a substantial building," Mr. Hingston said. "we estimate it might cost $20 million more than the first option."

During the public portion of the board meeting, residents voiced repeated and vehement opposition to the second plan.

Attorney Walter Bliss, representing Norman and Lisbeth Winarsky, Moore Street, demanded, "What are the academic benefits that override open space concerns?" Losing the recreational green space at Princeton High School would deprive the neighborhood of "beautiful parklands," he said.

Mr. Bliss also pointed out that locating the middle school directly adjacent to the high school would "complicate the transitional years" of middle school students.

In addition, he noted, the new middle school would encroach on the high school football field. "This scheme is the most disruptive, divisive, and expensive of all the schemes," he reiterated.

Tamara Lee, a licensed professional planner retained by Mr. Bliss, queried, "What if the high school needs to be expanded again? This scheme does not allow for expansion of the high school."

Dan Preston, Moore Street, called the planned middle school/high school complex a "gruesome monolithic, industrial, educational complex."

Money Will Run Out

Stanley Herzog, an engineer, pointed out that the $20 million difference between the two plans could escalate in very little time to $40 million. "At the end of the project," he predicted, "no fields will be restored, because the money will have run out."

Resident Catherine Knight termed Scheme 2, an "affront to the neighborhood." She objected not only to the depletion of open space and athletic fields, but also to "mixing" high school and middle school youngsters together. "This plan doesn't give middle school kids a chance to be the big kids," she observed, "and it also deprives high school kids of their own space."

Building the high school and middle school adjacent to one another is just asking for problems, Mr. Winarsky charged. He called the proposed combined structure a "behemoth about the size of the U.S.S. Iowa air carrier."

Bob James observed that to choose the first scheme — additions to both the middle and high school — would also mean to lose some field space, as well as the high school tennis courts.

There was little discussion of the third option, in which the John Witherspoon School would be demolished; and a new middle school would be erected on the same side of Walnut Lane. That plan, too, would add at least $20 million to the first plan's estimated $74.2 million.

The details of parking, and future athletic fields have yet to be developed. Mr. Hingston advised that an additional $2.5 to $3 million would have to be spent to construct adequate parking facilities. He said the district could possibly expect state aid that would be 25 percent of the total project cost.

It was not lost on board members that most objections to the second scheme were raised by residents of the high school's immediate neighborhood.

"No matter what we do, the project will be disruptive," acknowledged Frank Strasburger, chair of the district's facilities committee. He said he had asked resident Fred Gilchrist to act as the board's liaison to the neighborhood, and to sit in on interviews with representatives of prospective project management companies. "He will continue as a liaison during the project, as well," Mr. Strasburger promised.

School Board President Charlotte Bialek would not predict what the decision of the facilities committee will be on Thursday. She did say that members have yet to reach consensus.

—Anne Rivera

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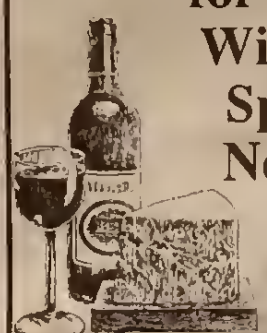

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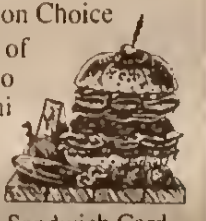

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Planning Board OKs University Building On Washington Road

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The Genomics Institute will be used to conduct research into fundamental questions in biology that require the integration of a vast range of complex genetic information.

The new building will primarily house offices, laboratory space and conference rooms. The exterior of the laboratory wings will be clad in masonry, and the facade facing the playing fields will be a two-story glass-enclosed space. Architect is Rafael Vinoy, who also designed the Princeton Stadium.

Parking for the new building, which is expected to house about 150 people, would be available in the new 500-space University parking lot near the Dinky station.

The building is expected to be completed by the summer of 2002.

In October, the Planning Board was told by University officials that both sides of Washington Road are seen by the University as an emerging science zone. This science campus is likely to eventually include a relocated chemistry department on the Armory site and a major science library.

Structural parking constructed under a new chemistry laboratory is likely, and a bridge providing pedestrian connection between facilities on either ride of Washington Road is proposed.

Church Parking Lot

In other business, the Planning Board gave retroactive approval to an already-constructed 19-space gravel parking lot at the Princeton Church of Christ, located at the northeast corner of River Road and Princeton-Kingston Road.

The board voted 7-3 to allow the church to keep its gravel lot as long as the State Department of Environmental Protection approves the plan.

Board members Gail Ullman, Yina Moore, and Bill Enslin voted against the retroactive approval.

The church was seeking approval for an already constructed lot which had been built on a flood plain without permits or approvals. Church representatives said the volunteers who built the lot did not understand the need for such approvals.

The church still needs to acquire approval for the lot from the state DEP. It has been denied that approval based on the lot's placement on a flood plain, and is appealing the ruling. The church is currently not using the lot, awaiting permission from the DEP.

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American Architects To Award Gold Medal To Michael Graves

Michael Graves

Architect and Princeton resident Michael Graves was recently selected by the Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) to receive the 2001 AIA Gold Medal award.

The highest honor the AIA confers on an individual, the Gold Medal recognizes an individual whose significant body of work has had a lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture. Mr. Graves will receive the medal at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in February.

Mr. Graves has been in the forefront of architectural design for 35 years, and has designed more than 200 buildings, including projects in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

Some of his best-known projects are the Humana Building, Louisville; Disney Corporate Headquarters, Burbank, Calif.; the Netherlands' Ministry of Health, Welfare, and Sport, The Hague; headquarters of the World Bank Group's International Finance Corporation, Washington, D.C.; and the design of the scaffolding for the Washington Monument restoration.

Mr. Graves has been credited with influencing the transformation of urban architecture from the abstraction of modernism toward more contextual responses. Throughout his career, he has emphasized the continuity between architecture, interiors, and the artifacts they contain; and he has advanced the role of the architect as a participant in shaping the everyday life of American society.

The winner of numerous awards and citations, Mr. Graves received the National Medal of Arts from President Bill Clinton in 1999 for his achievements in architecture, design, and education.

83746

Planning Board to Hear Arts Council Application

The Regional Planning Board will hold a hearing Thursday, December 7, on the Arts Council's request for final approval of its expansion plans. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Township Hall's main meeting room.

The Arts Council is located on Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place. It is seeking preliminary/final major site plan approval, with variances, to construct a three-story, 11,000 square foot Michael Graves-designed addition. The new total building area would be 19,700 square feet.

Five variances are being requested. These are for lot coverage, building setback, parking, loading berth, and signage. In its recent recommendation that the application be approved, the Planning Board's Site Plan Review Advisory Committee asked that the Arts Council provide written evidence of the provision of 24 daytime and 80 evening parking spaces.

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Children in Poverty

The number of school children who lived below the poverty level increased in the majority of New Jersey public school districts from 1995 to 1997, according to data released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information will be used as the basis for federal grants to school districts.

About 14.2 percent of New Jersey school children lived below the poverty level in 1997, up slightly from the previous 12.6 percent. In 1997, Seaside Heights, Asbury Park, and Wildwood City had the state's greatest percentage of poor children — from ages 5 to 17.

Protecting New Jersey Water

State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco (R.-Scotch Plains) last week proposed a 16-point plan to enhance the state's protection of drinking water. His initiatives include annual funding for landfill closures, water testing, and remediation. The plan would cost just over $50 million annually and would be funded primarily by general tax revenues.

Critics of the plan say the measures fail to target the causes of pollution, particularly unregulated growth in many parts of the state.

E-ZPass at Airports

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will extend use of the E-ZPass electronic toll collection devices to parking lots at Newark, Kennedy and LaGuardia airports over the next two years. The system is designed to cut long lines waiting to exit parking lots at the airports.

Motorists will still get a ticket when they enter the lot. When they leave, they'll slide it into a slot, an electronic reader will communicate with the user's windshield tag, and the correct parking fee will be deducted from the motorist's prepaid account.

Traffic Ticket Quotas

The state Senate unanimously approved a bill on Monday, December 4, that would prohibit local police departments from setting quotas on the number of arrests or traffic tickets expected from officers. The bill also prohibits departments from using the number of tickets written as the sole or primary criterion for judging an officer's performance.

The state Assembly has already approved the bill; and Governor Christine Whitman is expected to sign it.

Prescription Subsidies

The state Senate has unanimously approved a plan to expand the state's prescription drug subsidy program to include middle-class senior citizens. Prime sponsor, Senate President Donald DiFrancesco says the bill would expand subsidies to 100,000 more senior citizens at a cost of $60 million annually.

The plan would expand coverage next year to individuals who earn as much as $29,238, and to couples with an income of up to $33,589.

Some analysts, however, believe the cost could be as much as $30 million a year higher than Sen. DiFrancesco's estimate — with up to 140,000 more people qualified to enroll.

Student Surveys

School districts will need written approval from parents to conduct surveys among students on controversial subjects like sexual behavior and drug use, under a bill that received final legislative approval on Monday, December 4. The Assembly passed the bill in June. Governor Whitman has not yet taken a position on the measure.

The bill was prompted by a survey given to middle and high school students in Ridgewood last year, following the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. Some parents objected to the survey which asked about sexual activity, drug and alcohol use, suicide, eating habits, self esteem, and mental health.

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What does it do? A Conversation with the Community, Princeton University, Boro Council, Township Committee & the Regional Planning Board.

83747

Stuart School Begins $13 Million Campaign At Kick-Off Party

Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart announced a $13 million Capital Campaign at a festive kick-off party on Friday, December 1. Almost 500 parents, faculty, staff, administrators, trustees, and friends, including past parents and grandparents, attended.

Details of the planned major construction and expansion of the 37-year-old school were presented by campaign co-chairs Bill Egan and Rob Kuser.

ONE HEART: Bill Egan, left, and Rob Kuser, co-chairs of Cor Unum: The Capital Campaign for Stuart, with a drawing of the planned expansion.The Stuart School kicked off a $13 million capital campaign December 1.

"Cor *Unum* (Latin for "One Heart"): The Campaign for Stuart" hopes to raise funds to relieve space limitations caused by the ever-growing student body, and to enhance the curriculum through additional and updated facilities. Stuart has received preliminary approval from Princeton Township for its plans, and hopes to get the final go-ahead early in 2001.

The centerpiece of the campaign is the 800-seat Cor Unum Center, an all-school gathering space to be used for liturgies, assemblies, meetings, and performing arts productions. There is currently not a large enough gathering space for the Stuart community of 540 students plus faculty and staff, parents and visitors to gather.

Stuart's Little Theatre was built to seat only 125 people. It is an added challenge to mount a theater production in the limited stage and backstage area. All school and division gatherings, such as masses and end-of-school prize days and graduation, currently have to be held in one of the gyms. The cost of the Cor Unum Center is estimated at $5 million.

New Facilities

Academic Enhancements are estimated to cost $4.5 million. They include 16 new classrooms, a Learning Enhancement Center for those who need additional challenges or academic support, and a Fine Arts Center, which will have enlarged and updated facilities for multiple artistic media.

A new Athletic Complex, including two regulation-sized fields with bleachers, a new field house and parking; and an enhanced Fitness Center with renovated locker rooms is planned, with a cost of $2.5 million.

One million dollars has been designated for "Life-blood" Facilities, which include a dining room expansion, a maintenance garage, and parking for a total of 128 additional cars. Stuart's neighbors are well aware of the parking problem, as many students and visitors currently have to park on the grass bordering Stuart Road.

Once Stuart receives final approval from the Township, it is anticipated that construction will begin in spring of 2001, and the goal is to complete construction in time for the new school year in September 2002.

Stuart Country Day School's building was designed by architect Jean Labatut of Princeton University. Set into a wooded 54-acre site just two miles north of the Borough, it is considered one of the finest examples of contemporary architecture in the area.

The school opened its doors in 1963 with 83 students. At the time, a section of the building housed the Religious of the Society of the Sacred Heart, who ran the school. Since the late 1960s when the sisters moved off campus, the two-story wing, known at Stuart as the "C Corridor," has been used for classrooms, offices and faculty workrooms.

There have been three major additions to the school since its opening: In the 1970s, a gym was added. Until that time all physical education activities took place on the school grounds and parking lots. In 1993 another gym was added. That same year, an addition containing state-of-the art science labs for the Upper School and four Lower School classrooms were built.

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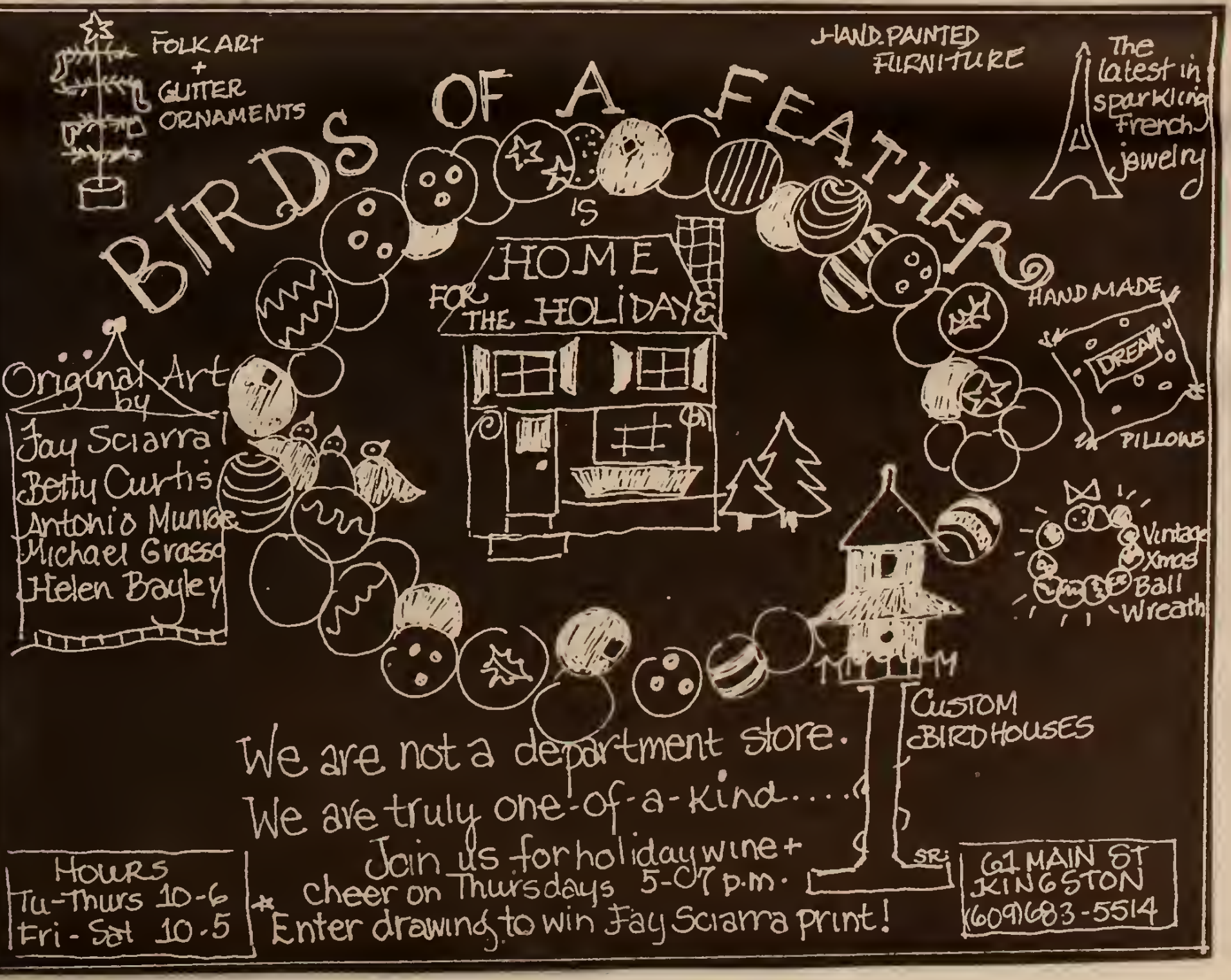

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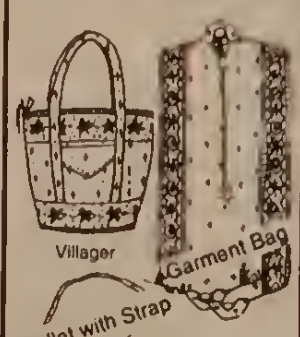

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Lunchtime Course Will Focus On Race & Racism

Beginning in January, the Arts Council will sponsor the second in its series of "drop-in" literary programs, which meet during the day and cost $35 for the entire course. The upcoming program, entitled "Writers on Race: Readers Respond," is a lunchtime course that will introduce some important African-American writers and encourage participants to discuss their own experience of race and racism.

Race relations in this country are still shifting. A complex subject that many people would rather not talk about, race nevertheless influences daily life, and this course is designed to give participants the opportunity to examine their own reactions. The discussion will be facilitated by the course leader.

Readings will include photocopied selections from Frederick Douglass' account of his escape from slavery; Booker T. Washington's memoir, *Up from Slovery*; W.E.B. DuBois' political treatise, *The Souls of Black Folk*, and two novels by writers of the Harlem Renaissance, Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and Richard Wright's *Native Son*.

The course will conclude with several weeks' discussion of *Beloved*, the 1998 novel by Nobel Prize winner Toni Morrison. A paperback copy of the book will be given to every participant.

The workshop leader will be Dr. Anne Waldron Neumann, who holds a Ph.D. in English Literature from The Johns Hopkins University. She has taught English Literature to university students and adults in both America and Australia and is the author of *Should You Read Shakespeare: Literature, Popular Culture and Morality* (1999).

Writers on Race will take place at the Arts Council, 102 Witherspoon Street, on Tuesdays, January 9 through February 27, from noon to 1:30. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch. For more information or to pre-register, call the Arts Council at 924-8777.

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Biodegradable Leak No Cause for Alarm

Princeton University campus near the intersection of Washington and Faculty Road was the scene of minor chaos Thursday after Township police received a report of a possible chemical spill.

Police, firefighters and state Department of Environmental Protection analysts were on the scene at 3 p.m. Officials were concerned about a spill that might leak into Carnegie Lake. The substance discovered in a creek that empties into the lake was a biodegradable dye used to pinpoint leaks in pipes and sewer systems.

Police said the dye did not spill into the lake, and that university workers were probably checking pipes when the leak occurred.

83750 ✓

Governor's Lane Mother Averts Tragic Situation

Tragedy was avoided on Thursday afternoon when a quick thinking mother called 911 after fearing her children were suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Township police said the mother returned to her home on Governor's Drive, and pulled into the garage. The children were asleep in the back of the car.

She left the car running in order to keep the heater on as she transported items into the house, and suddenly realized that the children were in danger of carbon monoxide inhalation, so she turned off the ignition.

When she had trouble waking the children, she dialed 911. Police arrived before the ambulance and determined that there was no exposure.

The children, ages 8 months and 4-years-old, were taken to the Princeton Medical Center as a precautionary measure. They were examined and sent home.

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The Medical Center at Princeton has reported that a twin son and daughter were born to Hopewell resldents Sabatino and Kathleen Russo, on November 21.

Children were also born to 31 other area residents during the two-week period ending November 30, according to the hospital.

Sons were born to Joseph and Mary Riley, Princeton, November 9; Charles and Jennifer Pillik, Plainsboro, November 17; Ziaojun Xie and Liping Wang, Plainsboro, November 17; Geoffrey and Aubrey Norby, Plainsboro, November 17; and to Eli Alshech and Zehava Zevit, Princeton, November 18.

Sons were born, as well, to Bruno Stagno and Laetitia Bayle, Princeton, November 18; Wentong Zhou and Karen Zhong, Plainsboro, November 19; Jeffrey and Monica Schneider, Princeton, November 19; Kevin and Christine Rebert, Princeton, November 19; and to Florenclo Cortez and Mayoil Jimenez, Princeton, November 21.

Sons were also born to Mark Allan and Elizabeth Gould, Princeton, November 22; Stephen and Andrea White, Princeton, November 23; and to David and Alison Cohen, Plainsboro, November 23.

Daughters were born to Ronald and Anne Birkland, Plainsboro, November 17; Glenn and Laurie Cleveland, Hopewell, November 18; Sergio Hurtado and Sandra Ruiz, Princeton, November 20; and to Phillp and Karen Slater, Princeton Junction, November 20.

Daughters were also born to Michael and Sofia Strauss, Princeton, November 21; Zincheng Own and Gan-Ju Shel, Plainsboro, November 21; and to Thirucjen Dhil Arasu and Yaminee Balasubramanian, Plainsboro, November 22.

Daughters were born, as well, to Tie-Qiang and Janet Li, Hopewell, November 24; Rajesh and Neerja Sharma, Plainsboro, November 25; Mark and Aileen Anderson, Princeton, November 26; Richard and Joan Morelli, Princeton, November 27; Chris and Barbara DiCostanzo, Princeton. Junction, November 29; and to James and Michelle Schulz, Lawrenceville, November 29.

Sons were born to Dwayne and Ida Woods, Pennington, November 28; Ryan and Heidl Shaver, Princeton, November 28; Sang and Eun Jeong Lee, Princeton, November 29; Abderrazak and Vicki Zakaria, Lawrenceville, November 29; and to Robert and Marybeth Enck, Pennington, November 30.

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Corn, Bean and Pumpkin Stew

A delicious and healthful combination, this is a perfect soup for raw, winter days. Serve with corn bread or tortillas and a crisp salad to make a meal.

Serves 4-6

1 tsp. cumin seeds
1 tsp. oregano
4 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 large onion, cut into medium dice
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 inch piece cinnamon stick
3 cloves
1 tbsp. paprika
Salt
2 cups bean broth or soup stock
1 lb. fresh or canned tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and chopped, juice reserved
3 cups cubed pumpkin or any winter squash, peeled, seeded, cut into 1-inch cubes
1½ cups corn kernels
1 cup cooked pinto beans
2 serrano chilies, seeded and finely chopped
Cilantro or parsley, chopped for garnish

1. Toast cumin seeds for a minute or so until fragrant. Add oregano and stir for 5 seconds. Transfer to a spice mill or mortar and grind to a powder.

2. Heat oil in a wide skillet and saute onion briskly over high heat for 1 minute. Lower heat to medium and add garlic, cumin/oregano, cinnamon, clove, paprika, and 1 teaspoon of salt. Stir well to combine. Add ½ cup of the bean broth or stock and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft. Add tomatoes and cook 5 minutes. Add pumpkin or winter squash along with 1 cup of the bean broth or stock.

3. When the pumpkin has softened but is still firm to the bite (20 to 30 minutes), add corn, beans, and fresh chilies. Thin with reserved tomato juice, adding more bean broth or stock as necessary. Cook until pumpkin is tender.

4. Check seasonings and add more salt if necessary. Serve garnished with cilantro or parsley.

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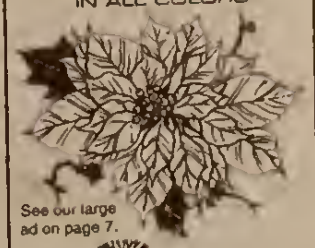

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Various Incidents Of Theft Reported At Forbes College

Two 19-year-old Princeton University students were the victims of a burglary and theft that occurred between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. November 30. Someone entered their unlocked dormitory room at Forbes College on the university campus, and stole two Dell inspiron laptop computers, one per each victim, valued at $1,646 each. The items were stolen from the victims' desks.

Police received a report of a burglary and theft from a Princeton University student, also at Forbes College, on December 4. Between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. that day, someone entered the victim's unlocked dorm room and stole her laptop computer from her desk.

A third incident of burglary and theft occurred between 12:30 and 4:10 p.m. December 4, again at Forbes College. Police received a burglary and theft report from two Princeton University students at around 5:45 p.m. Someone entered their unlocked dorm room and stole a Dell Latitude CPT laptop computer from each of their desks.

Township police also reported a theft at Forbes College. Between 11:15 p.m. November 29, and 10 p.m. November 30, someone stole approximately $300 cash from a Princeton University student's wallet. Police said it was left in an unsecured room.

Criminal Mischief

Borough police are investigating an incident of criminal mischief that occurred at the Forer Pharmacy on Witherspoon Street between 5:30 p.m. December 2, and 8:15 a.m. December 3.

Someone threw an object through the store's front window, causing an approximate 16" x 16" hole in the glass. A broken bottle of beer was found inside the store near the window.

Borough police arrested a 57-year-old Princeton man November 28 on Nassau Street for failing to appear in Mercer County Court. Gary Stanley Grover, 26, of Tupelow Row, was charged with contempt of court, and was transported to the Mercer County Corrections Center.

Someone stole three oak end tables,valued at $400 each, and an oak coffee table, valued at $600, from a second floor lounge area located on the south side of Wilcox Hall, Princeton University. The end tables are 2' by 2' in length, while the coffee table is 2' by 6'. Police said the theft occurred between 4 p.m. November 22 and 1 p.m. November 28.

A 58-year-old Princeton Borough resident was the victim of a theft between 1 p.m. November 27, and 4 p.m. November 29. Police said someone stole a plastic hose carrier containing 100 feet of garden hose from the back patio of the victim's Hamilton Avenue home.

A burglary and theft occurred at Edy's Place on Witherspoon Street between 2:20 and 3:45 p.m. December 1. Someone entered the store and stole $300 from the cash register while the store was closed. Police said there were no signs of forced entry.

Someone used a 49-year-old Princeton Junction resident's ATM card to withdraw $300 from his account on November 21 at 8:37 a.m. Police said the card was inadvertently left in the machine after the victim completed his transaction.

A 16-year-old Canonsville, Maryland resident was the victim of a theft between 2 and 2:45 p.m. December 2. At that time, someone stole her purse, left unattended in McCosh Hall, Princeton University, while she attended a high school debate. Her purse and contents, minus $65 cash, were found at 2:45 p.m. in Dickinson Hall on the campus.

Stolen Bikes

A Panasonic Sport DX 12 bicycle with a silver frame and pink lettering was stolen from the North Stanworth Lane residence of a 31-year-old man between 8 p.m. November 28, and 9 a.m. November 29. The bike, valued at $230, was taken from the victim's porch.

Someone stole a black and platinum Mongoose "3 Transport" mountain bike from a hallway inside Princeton High School, Moore Street, between 1 and 2 p.m. November 30. The bike, which was left unlocked, belongs to a 29-year-old Princeton resident who had allowed his brother, a PHS student, to borrow it.

A 41-year-old Township resident was the victim of a bicycle theft between 12:40 and 12:55 p.m. December 4. According to police, the black and gray mountain bike was locked to a rack outside of the Princeton Public Library on Witherspoon Street when it was stolen.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 6

4:30 p.m. Journalist Peter Baker lecturing on "the Breach: Clinton, Impeachment and the Next President," Bowl 1, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

4:30 p.m.: Columnist Lisa Belkin lecturing on "Life's Work: Balancing the Two in the Year 2000," Bowl 4, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

7 p.m.: Dr. Jean Kilbourne lecturing on "The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women," Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

Thursday, December 7

9 a.m.: Regional Schools Facilities Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Princeton Township Municipal Building.

7 p.m.: Dr. Jean Kilbourne lecturing on "Under the Influence: The Pushing of Alcohol via Advertising," McCosh 10, Princeton University.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra and Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8

Friday, December 8

6-9 p.m.: Opening reception for "Sauce for the Goose," Arts Council's annual holiday art sale; at the Council, 102 Witherspoon Street. Sale runs through December 23. Call 924-8777.

7-9:30 p.m.: Lewis School Tree-Lighting Ceremony, 53 Bayard Lane.

7:30 p.m.: Dickens' *A Christmos Carol*; McCarter Theatre. Also Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Glee Club, with the Wellesley College Women's Chorus; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: An Evening of Readings and Carols, Westminster Chapel Choir and Westminster Schola Cantorum; Princeton University Chapel. Also Saturday at 8.

8 p.m.: *Swingtime* Canteen; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8.

8:15 p.m.: Elias Ladino Ensemble; Christ Congregation Church, Walnut Lane.

Saturday, December 9

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Free holiday calls provided to senior citizens and the disabled by Merrill Lynch, 194 Nassau Street; coordinated by Princeton Senior Resource Center. Call 924-7108.

Community Park Sets Winter Clothes Giveaway

Second-hand winter clothes will be distributed free to anyone who needs them on Saturday, December 9, from 9 to noon, in the cafeteria of the Community Park School, 372 Witherspoon Street. Coats, jackets, gloves, scarves, boots, and more — for both children and adults — will be available.

The warm clothes giveaway is an annual event, organized by the Community Park School PTO and the Latin American Task Force, with the support of the Princeton Regional Schools, and the Princeton YWCA ESL (English as a Second Language) program.

11 a.m.: "Nadia, the Blind Flower Girl of Pompeii," Gallery Talk for Children at the Princeton University Art Museum, by docent Marianne Grey.

2 p.m.: Celtic Harpist Debbie Brewin-Wilson in free concert, Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: GPYO Chamber Orchestra in "A Holiday Concert"; St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street.

8 p.m.: Jay H. Cho, pianist; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.

Sunday, December 10

1:30 p.m.: "Keeping Christmas Court," Engelchor Consort playing music from the courts of Eleanor of Aquitaine, Mary of Burgundy, Isabella of Spain, Isabella d'Este, and Elizabeth I of England; Princeton University Art Museum. Also, at 3.

3 p.m.: Michael Bullock, solo contrabass, and Howard Stelzer and Jason Talbot, tapes and turntable; Taplin Audiiorium.

3 p.m.: Readings, "Turning Memories Into Words"; Arts Council.

3:30 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Chorus; College communications building, room 156, West Windsor.

4 p.m.: Princeton Girlchoir; Chapel of Morris Hall, Lawrenceville.

Monday, December 11

4 p.m.: Township Historic Preservation Commission, Valley Road Building, Meeting Room B.

7:30 p.m.: Messiah Sing; Princeton University Chapel.

Tuesday, December 12

5:30 p.m.: Borough Shade Tree Commission, Borough Hall.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council, Borough Hall.

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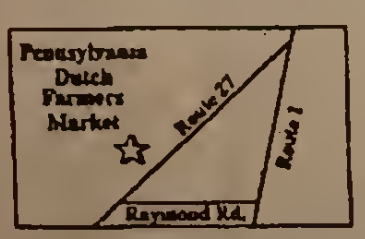

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8 p.m.: Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols; Princeton University Chapel

8 p.m.: Regional Schools Board of Education, John Witherspoon School. Special Meeting on Referendum.

8-9 p.m.: Billy Hector, blues guitarist; Princeton University Store.

Wednesday, December 13

12 noon: Borough Housing Authority, Clay Street Learning Center, 2 Clay Street.

4:30 p.m.: Student reading, introduced by Paul Muldoon; James M. Stewart '32 Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

8 p.m.: Westminster Community Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

Thursday, December 14

4:30: Philosopher Stanley Cavell, "The Good of Film," James A. Moffett '29 Lecture in Ethics, Room 104, Computer Science building, Princeton University.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Township Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, Youth Chorale Chamber Singers Women's Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theatre, West Windsor.

Friday, December 15

7 p.m.: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also Saturday and Sunday at 2 and 4.

8 p.m.: The American Boychoir; Richardson Auditorium.

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Princeton Launches Liechtenstein Institute On Self-Determination

Religious leaders from throughout the world will gather at Princeton University Sunday, December 10 at 10 for a public panel discussion on the religious dimensions of self-determination, as the University officially opens the new Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination.

The discussion, "Religious Dimensions of Self-Determination and the State: Concepts, Perspectives, Propositions," will take place at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, in Dodds Auditorium in Robertson Hall.

The Institute was founded earlier this year to foster research and develop practical resolutions to the kind of internecine warfare that recently has threatened international peace and devastated places like Bosnia, Chechnya, and the Balkans.

"Within the last 10 years, since the fall of the Berlin Wall, many of the major international and intra-state conflicts relating to secession and self-determination have a religious dimension," said the Institute's founding director, Wolfgang F. Danspeckgruber, a lecturer in the Woodrow Wilson School. "To better understand this — its foundations and its impact on the outcome of conflicts — we have asked major religious leaders to address the issue of self-determination through the prism of their respective faiths."

Participants

Confirmed participants include the Reverend Dr. Joseph C. Williamson, Princeton's dean of religious life; the Honorable Imam Omar Abu-namous of the Islamic Cultural Center in New York City; Archbishop Renato R. Martino, permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; Rabbi Arthur Schneier of Park East Synagogue in New York City and president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation;

And The Right Reverend Carolyn Tanner Irish, Episcopal Bishop of Utah; The Reverend Irinej Dobrijevic, director of the Office of External Affairs for the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States and Canada; and The Reverend Father Papken Anoushian of the diocese of the Armenian Church in New York.

Each will address self-determination of states from the perspective of his or her denomination and traditions, and Irish also will consider issues relating specifically to women and children.

$12 Million Gift

Princeton University President Harold T. Shapiro and Prince Hans Adam II of Liechtenstein, an authority on self-determination whose gift of $12 million created the Institute, also are scheduled to speak.

The Institute brings together scholars, diplomats, and community leaders to help develop guidelines for governments facing civil unrest, and to create management strategies for situations where violence does occur. "My family and I believe this is a sound investment for the benefit of mankind," the Prince said.

The Institute involves undergraduates, graduate students and faculty members from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the departments of politics, economics and sociology. It grew out of the University's Liechtenstein Research Program on Self-Determination, established in 1994 through a gift from the Prince.

Since its inception, the research program, directed by Mr. Danspeckgruber, has broken new ground conducting fundamental research on self-determination and by bringing key players from countries in conflict face-to-face for public discussions and private conferences.

"We hope that by creating an objective framework for discussion, we will generate ideas that help avoid violence," said Mr. Danspeckgruber. "The roots of these conflicts usually go back many generations, and are not simple to resolve.

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NEW LIBRARY: Princeton University President Harold Shapiro looks on as Library Director Leslie Burger responds to a reporter's question about the new Princeton Public Library. President Shapiro presented a $300,000 donation from the University to the library's building fund on December 4.

Library

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presentation ceremony at the library.

President Shapiro said he hoped the University's gift would be a stimulus for other private donors to support the library.

An additional private donation of $100,000 *did* come in on Monday, after the University's presentation, Mr. Levine said. "At the moment, the gift is anonymous," Mr. Levine told TOWN TOPICS. "Definitely, the University's contribution triggered it."

The University's contribution was made in appreciation of the benefit that all members of the Princeton community will derive from the new facility, President Shapiro said.

Of the library's 19,780 registered borrowers, more than 2,000 are affiliated with the University, including 658 undergraduates, 779 graduate students, and 917 faculty and staff members, according to library officials.

In his remarks, the University president also praised library staff members and volunteers, as well as the Borough and Township administrations, for their perseverance in seeking a new library.

"It is easy to get discouraged," he commented. "For Princeton University to play a small role in this project is our great pleasure. We have the easy part."

"It is hard to imagine a greater gift to a community than the enhancement of its public library," observed Mr. Levine.

Centrality of Libraries

The University's leaders have always recognized the "centrality" of libraries, he continued, from the days when early leaders of the College of New Jersey — as Princeton University was originally known — sent two large boxes of books "by water" to be installed on the second floor of the Firestone Building on campus.

The University's Firestone Library today charges residents $440 annually to take out books from its collection. Library Director Leslie Burger pointed out, however, that there is no cost to public library patrons when they check books out from Firestone through inter-library loan.

The two libraries are exploring other ways in which they can work together in the future, she said. Firestone has donated 150 sections of shelving to the library for use at its temporary location in the Princeton Shopping Center, as well as some library furniture, she said yesterday.

[In October, library trustees approved a move to temporary quarters in the space formerly occupied by Encore Books, at the Princeton Shopping Center on North Harrison Street. Construction on a new library is expected to begin by the middle of next year if all goes according to plan, Mr. Levine said. At that time, the library will re-locate its operations.

Bargain Books, which now occupies the shopping center space, has a month-to-month lease, which will be terminated to accommodate the library. Shopping Center management is planning to locate the bookstore elsewhere.]

Two years of study by professional librarians and architects, as well as substantial input from library patrons through community focus groups and informal conversations paved the way for The Hillier Group architects' work. They unveiled a preliminary library design last summer.

During the intervening months, they have refined their original concept, including the use of floor-to-ceiling windows on the Witherspoon side of the three-story, brick structure.

Transparent Space

Activities in the new library will be "visually accessible" to the community from Witherspoon Street, noted Ms. Burger. "We wanted a transparent space.

"It is essential that the library of the future have more communal space," she also said, "so patrons can come together in a social environment."

Ms. Burger observed, as well, that despite the current explosion in information technology, including the Internet, "Books are here to stay." She said the new library will house "a combination of books and a lot of information in digital form."

Originally designed in 1968, for 80,000 books, the library today contains 128,000 volumes and 11,000 audiovisual items. One-third of the collection is always in circulation, library officials say.

Hillier has designed an expanded library that will double the current capacity to more than 57,000 square feet. The amount of space allocated to youngsters will triple; and the Children's Room will become an entire floor. The new library is expected to be finished by the spring of 2003.

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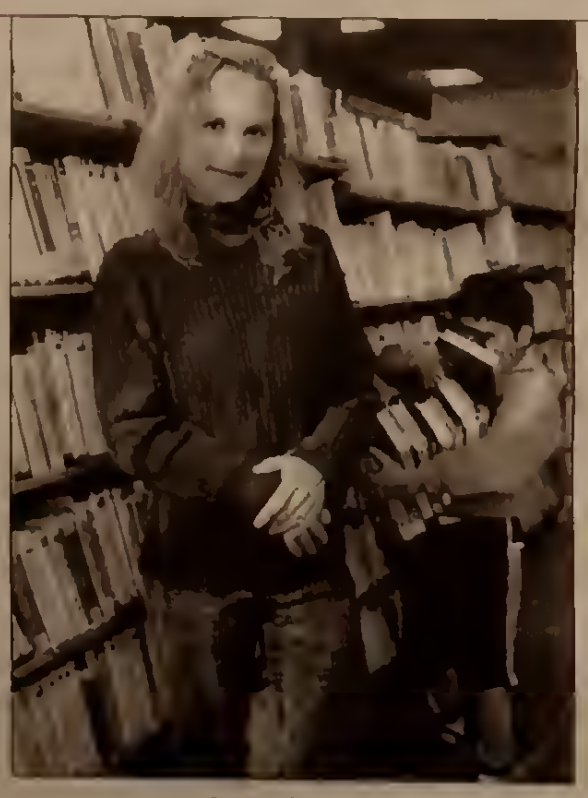

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Desman Associates

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underground, an idea presented by Helmut Schwab at Tuesday's Council meeting.

They also favored the concept of providing underground parking instead of above-ground. Several architects also suggested creating new streets — which would, presumably, provide additional parking.

Juliet Richardson said she began her redesign of downtown Princeton with her two favorite spaces in Rome — Michelangelo's Campidoglio, a piazza surrounded by civic buildings, which she envisioned for Paul Robeson Place; and the Piazza Navona, which she placed on the YW/YMCA parking lot ("It's an exact fit," she marveled.)

Under the "Piazza Navona" would be parking to be used by downtown employees. The piazza itself would be playing fields. Structures surrounding the space would function to finish the edge on Paul Robeson Place. (Most of the architects decried the lack of an "edge" in the downtown, particularly on Chambers Street and Paul Robeson Place.)

The Arts Council, said Ms. Richardson, should move across the street into the Park & Shop lot, alongside a plaza to be created and used for public performances. She also suggested that a new street be built behind the new Arts Council.

On the south side of Spring Street, on the metered lot, should be a grocery store on the scale of the Whole Earth Center, she said, adding that there should be parking on a deck above the grocery store. Because of the ground's slope, this would feel like grade-level parking.

Michael Mostoller asked that the Stanworth/Merwick/YM-YWCA area be rethought. He said there might be room for a parking garage near Merwick, and mixed-income housing where Princeton University-owned Stanworth is now. He also envisioned several small greens in the downtown and an arts-and-crafts market along Paul Robeson Place.

"Residences must be included for people of all different incomes," said Ronald Berlin, "and the pedestrian must be king (or queen)." He was one of several architects to call for the creation of a new street, but the only one to name it. "Perhaps we could call it Einstein Avenue, so we can honor Mr. Einstein without a graven image," he said.

Outlying Parking

Henry Arnold suggested that parking structures be built at the new Township Hall, at the Dinky, and at the YW/YMCA. People would be able to get from these structures to the downtown through some type of low-polluting, continuously operating transit system.

He envisioned Hulfish Street and Palmer Square West being turned into pedestrian streets, and Stanworth becoming the site of low-rise, high-intensity housing of 25 units per acre.

Robert Geddes, whose letter to the editor on the future of Princeton was the genesis of Princeton Future, said the scale of downtown development needed to be preserved. He pointed to the scale of Palmer Square West as the most desirable.

One of the many supporters of underground parking, the former dean of the Princeton University School of Architecture said it was more expensive to build, but was three times more valuable because it preserved the surface land.

In addition to the creation of Madison Square, on the Spring Street lot, Mr. Geddes envisions two additional squares; an extension of Chambers Walk and a new Tulane Walk; residential and commercial space; a food court; shops; and an all-night cafe. "London's Bloomsbury is lovely," he said, "with its continuing squares."

When the presentations ended, Jeremiah Ford, a Princeton architect who is working with Desman and who is a member of Princeton Future, said it was clear that the scope of the Desman study should be expanded.

"It is clear that this group is not critical of what Desman has done; they had a very limited charge," said Mr. Chimacoff.

Mayor Marvin Reed said he had heard a lot of interesting ideas, and that the architects were wonderful. "But we really need a couple of bankers to figure out how to make the whole thing work — what to expect the Borough to pay for and what a developer would pay for."

—Myrna K. Bearse

ALL IN AGREEMENT: There was general agreement at last week's Borough Council and Princeton Future meetings that the PSE&G transformer on Wiggins Street, next to the Public Library, should be moved underground.

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DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE: Architects Michael Mostoller, Robert Geddes and Alan Chimacoff, from left, are shown at the Princeton Future meeting held Sunday at the Frist Campus Center.

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Mr. Schwab told Mayor and Council that he has discovered it would cost about $2.7 million to bury the substation underground at its present site. This technology was developed about 30 years ago for use in towns like Princeton, he said, adding that he would like PSE&G to pay for the move.

"We have had discussions with PSE&G about moving the transformer," said Mayor Marvin Reed. "One of the issues in moving was having to rewire it. Your concept would minimize the amount of rewiring. PSE&G might be more receptive to this."

Mr. Schwab's comments came after Jack Halberstadt, who lives on North Tulane Street, near the transformer, said he had seen "yet another explosion at the substation, with fire and smoke."

First Plan

The first plan presented by Mr. Tracey provides 535 spaces, some of which would be included in a three-level garage constructed above Spring Street and linking the parking structures in the two lots. It also provides commercial/retail space wrapped around the parking structure on both lots. All three plans include space for a park or plaza, but the size of this differs in each.

Scheme Two, which received several favorable comments, calls for placing 70 of the 455 spaces below ground. It also provides about 50 surface parking spaces near the library. This plan also calls for about 50 residential units as well as commercial and retail space. It does, however, require use of the space now occupied by the Record Exchange.

The third scheme provides the largest number of garage spaces, 575. It closes Spring Street to traffic and calls for a two- or three-story residential building atop a three-level parking garage on the Park & Shop lot. This would rise about 15 feet higher than the roof of the library.

Retail Voids

David Williams, who is working with Desman to provide financial and marketing analysis, said that current downtown retail satisfied the market except for several major voids, such as a grocery story. Office space needs, too, are pretty much satisfied, he added. But, he said, brokers have been begging Desman to include two-bedroom residential units in the plan.

Mr. Williams looked with favor on Scheme Two, which permits a phasing-in of construction and does not require building a garage above Spring Street. He cited a huge concern among Princeton people regarding coordination of construction between the project and the library, as well as a fear of construction disruption.

Architect Jeremiah Ford, who is working with Desman, agreed that Scheme Two would be a lot easier to blend into the community. He also said it was important to develop a dimensional look at the proposed structures to see how they fit into the area.

Aside from several questions, Council members made few comments on the three schemes. There will be further discussion at the next meeting with Desman. No date for this has been set. In the meantime, members of Council will meet with adjacent property owners to get their input on the plans.

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19-Year-Old Is Arrested For Stealing Car Stereo

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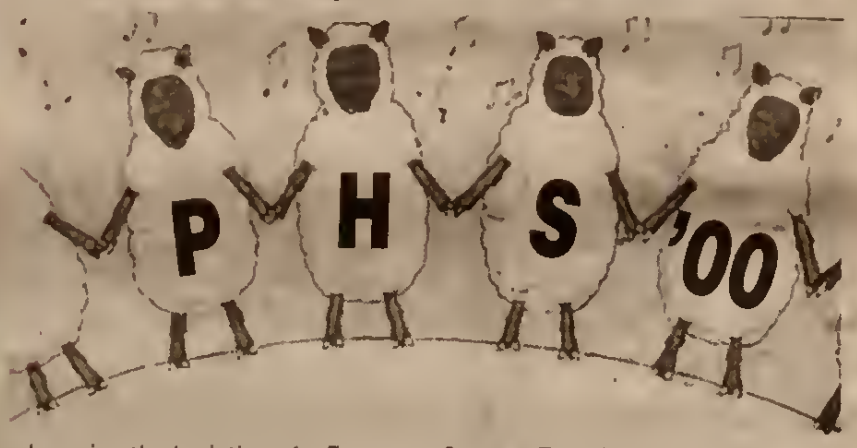

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Officer Marshall Provost located the driver and passenger of the vehicle at the Princeton Shopping Center. The two juvenile males were arrested at 5:15 p.m. They were later released to their parents.

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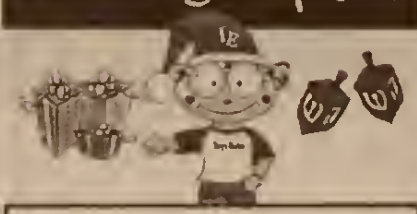
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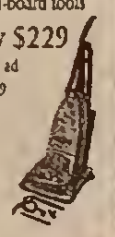
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Making Parking Paramount Concern Endangers True Health of Community

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

In this letter I hope to present a point of view and argument in support of such vital institutions as the library and Arts Council in the center of Princeton. A prevalent tendency in Princeton is to view our problems as if Princeton existed in a vacuum and its issues were unique. This analogy of a "tale of two cities" might help to broaden the discussion.

There are a few similarities between the center of Princeton and the Route One malls and there are many differences. Perhaps it would be instructive to compare the two so we can shed a little light on the current debate in Princeton over parking, the library and the Arts Council.

As to the similarities: most people come to the center of Princeton and to the malls by car; both have a variety of shops and retail establishments. That is where the similarities end. The malls were designed to have ample parking, and are controlled by owners and shareholders who expect to realize a fair return on their investments. These owners can plan and organize to build quickly, governed only by the ability to borrow the necessary funds. Conversely, downtown Princeton has inadequate parking and is controlled by elected officials and appointed planners. Progress is slow in a democracy because opinions need to be aired and the taxpayers have the ultimate control at the ballot box.

There are reasons why the Town of Princeton will ultimately prosper, and by comparison the life cycle of the malls is limited. Adequate parking was an initial attraction for the malls, but we can see when we look deeply into the many determining factors, that parking is of secondary importance as a support to the primary functions of a community. The Quaker Bridge Mall has all the parking anyone could ask for and yet compared to Princeton it is a dying entity. Why? Why is Princeton, in spite of its drawbacks, so much more vital, exciting and diverse? History helps; having wonderful neighbors like the Historical Society, University, Seminary, Institute for Advanced Study, Westminster Choir College, schools, churches, library and Arts Council. The Mall has none of these and furthermore, because of its one-dimensional character, will someday succumb to more ambitious competitors.

So what about the most discussed and little understood problem of parking? Here's my theory. Unlike the mall, which came off the drawing board and was created all at once, the town of Princeton has grown in fits and starts over the centuries. Until Palmer Square was created in the 1930s, Princeton was a linear town facing the University across Nassau Street. The popularity created great demand, leading the Princeton planners in the 1960s to come up with a solution to put the brakes on growth and solve the parking problem by making it impossible for the commercial center to expand without an applicant providing their own onsite, off-street parking. This constraint still exists in the Borough Zoning Ordinance.

Now change has occurred because of Princeton's increasing popularity and subsequent pressure for growth. Gone are the "mom and pop" stores, displaced by the high-end national chain stores. Interesting to ask why the big name stores don't stay in the malls where they belong. What are they telling us? Maybe Princeton is a more desirable place to be. But again you might ask, why would anyone want to come to Princeton when they can be sure of a place to park that is free at the mall'?

Nobody can logically solve the parking problem in Princeton until there becomes a "critical mass" of anger about the lack of, and the inconvenience caused by, inadequate parking. This will occur when the merchants start to feel real pain; when the merchants can no longer feed the meters in front of their store; when the suburban shopper drives around town ten times looking for a space; and, finally, when the drivers searching for parking are so numerous that they cause traffic gridlock.

We will know when that time comes, because, first, the merchants, who have been strangely quiet, will rise up to the challenge; because the shoppers will have ceased coming to town. Town planning is more art than science. Determining the precise need of parking is impossible even though we all look for that magic number that will resolve the issue once and for all. Every option has myriad consequences: lack of parking will ultimately lead to strangulation; too much parking will lead to more shops, offices and residences and ultimately more strangulation. Planning must therefore be a balance between support for institutions, the heart and soul of a community, and service activities, such as roads and parking.

In summary, we should not hold the library or the Arts Council hostage to this parking problem. After all, one of the measures of success in a community like Princeton is that there is a parking problem. Putting considerations of parking above the true health of our community risks the loss of momentum that the library and Arts Council have developed. A loss of this momentum could be tragic.

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In Several Instances, Deer Herds Grew After the Culling of Does by Hunters

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Statements made by Tom Poole, spokesperson for the Township's entrenched Wildlife Committee ["Critics Say Deer Hunt Will Increase Size of Herd," TOWN TOPICS October 4], are demonstrably wrong:

Poole: "'Sport hunting where only males are killed does increase the herd.' He said that a managed hunt in which only the females are targeted would not result in the same increase."

Response: Mr. Poole has been saying this for years. He advised residents that only more killing would solve the problem. The deer, not being informed of this advice, increased in number from 800 in 1991, when shotgun hunting was resumed in Princeton Township, to 1500 today.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) reports confirm that when antlerless (does and fawns) deer are killed, reproductive rates increased. Similar improvement has been noted in New York state. To illustrate, a biologist who worked for the state of Texas has written in North American Hunter magazine (1995): "After the hunters on the property harvested the recommended 100 does, they figured that would probably be all the does they'd have to harvest for a long, long time. The following year when we conducted the deer survey, there were more deer on the property than the year before. But many of the deer were fawns. After shooting 100 does, the ranch actually had more fawns than it did the year before. Because of the significant doe harvest, the fawn survival rate increased from 25 percent (four does to rear one fawn to weaning age) to 120 percent (1.2 fawns per doe)." Not only do the does that survive reproduce more, but overall numbers increase because of improved nutrition, as more food is available to the surviving deer.

In Lewis Morris Park and Monmouth Battlefield Park, deer increased after "reduction culls," according to official counts by the NJ DFW. For example, in Monmouth's park, DFW planned to "reduce the park's deer population (from 150-200) to 70-80 animals over a three- to five-year period and to maintain it at this level." (DFW memo, August, 1992). By 1998, after seven years of hunting, DFW's official air scan counted 254 deer in the park.

The response of Princeton's Wildlife Committee has always been that any rise in the reproductive rate can— *in theory* — be overwhelmed by a rise in the killing rate.

The trouble is, the theory doesn't match the reality. First, most of Princeton Township is not huntable, and the unhuntable areas are where many of the deer live. Second, these built-up areas — half shady and half sunlit — are the best source of low-lying brush, which is the food deer need. Kill the deer just inside the borders of Princeton Township and deer from the surrounding suburbs will migrate into the Township areas where the food is. The new arrivals, together with the survivors of past hunts, will quickly restock the population to accommodate the food supply. Biologist Thomas Eveland notes that "carrying capacity" numbers publicized by the wildlife bureaucracy for suburban areas "defy biology — as in '20 deer per square mile' — it's never that static, or that simple."

There is no basis for Henry Horn's statement: "It depends on whether you prefer a quick death versus a lingering one by starvation." This is an old chestnut not borne out by fact. Deer are not starving in areas of the state where they are not hunted — in fact, they are very healthy. Game management texts cite parks that have never been hunted, where deer are not only healthy, but are far from overpopulated. (*White-tailed Deer-Ecology and Management*. Stackpole Books, 1994) . When deer are not hunted, the population mix naturally includes a greater percentage of older animals, and there are fewer deer to create problems.

Nor is there necessarily a "quick death" from sports hunting or planned herd thinning. Bow hunting, sanctioned by Princeton Township, has a 54 percent wounding rate, and even shotgun hunting produces an estimated 19 percent wounding rate. Most of the wounded deer wind up dying a lingering death. Sharpshooters, with their rifles and silencers, say their wounding rate is 2 percent but this hasn't been documented.

Animal cruelty of this type would not be countenanced by a public if they understood that the proposed soluttons will not work — regardless of the scapegoating by the Wildlife Committee, regardless of the Mayor's pronouncement, "We can't wait to have a healthy ecology."

The Wildlife Committee seems always to tailor its ecological considerations to support the cause of more hunting. The same bias is evident in its analyses of the steady increase in car-deer collisions and the complaints of farmers whose crops have been depleted by deer. Non-lethal solutions have been proposed, but always ignored. A bill which is languishing in the NJ Assembly would pay Princeton $250,000 to use non-lethal solutions. Instead Princeton Township officials lobbied only for the recently passed lethal sniper bill, which will now cost Princeton taxpayers $500,000.

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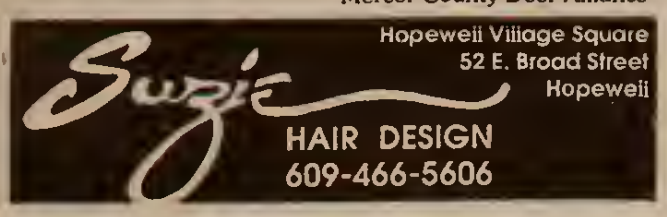

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Teaching Intolerance to Young Boys Is Disgraceful and Should Be Fought

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

This past week, Borough Council wrestled with the local Boy Scouts Troop 43's request for free parking during their Christmas Tree fund-raiser. The Council chose not to extend that privilege based upon the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) anti-gay position. Douglas Mackie, a Borough resident, this week wrote to this paper [TOWN TOPICS, November 29] condemning the actions of the Council. I would like to address this issue, and bring to light some facts that may frustrate those on different sides, while offering a helpful suggestion.

On June 28, 2000, the United States Supreme Court overruled the NJ State Supreme Court, which had originally ruled to uphold the NJ Public Accommodations law in a case involving BSA Monmouth Council. That law prohibits, among other things, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in places of accommodation. In the case, James Dale was an assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout who was asked to leave the Boy Scouts when it was learned that he was gay. He sued, to remain in his position, and the BSA fought back, with the case appealed to the US Supreme Court. A majority of the US Supreme Court (5-4) accepted that the BSA's position on homosexuality was a 'tenet' of the organization and found, instead, that as a private organization, the BSA has a constitutional right to expressive association, an element of the First Amendment. That 'tenet' states that "we do not allow for the registration of avowed homosexuals as members or leaders of the BSA." Four justices (Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer) dissented.

An important note: the dissenters were not convinced that the anti-gay policy was a 'tenet' and found instead that the policy derived from the BSA Executive Committee's view that "including gays would be contrary to 'the expectations that Scouting families have had for the organization.'" (quote is Justice Stevens, quoting a 1993 BSA policy statement.)

As such, legally, the BSA has a right to hold its anti-gay position and demand that it is adhered to on the local troop level. The Borough Council, however, has no obligation to forgive parking revenue in order to help this organization raise funds. Indeed, it seems that Borough Council made a sincere effort to help the troop distance itself from the homophobic position of the BSA Exec. Comm.

Unfortunately, as the troop discovered, BSA National will revoke the charter of any troop, pack or den who does so. Mr. Mackie, in his letter to this paper, objects to penalizing the local troop for the decisions of the BSA Executive Committee. Like Borough Council, the United Way and hundreds of other organizations have pulled their substantial contributions to the BSA because of the Court's June decision, and as such, Mr. Mackie is correct that it is unfortunate that the local Scouts will suffer. (On the other hand, I take great issue with everything else Mr. Mackie said.) The target of complaint, though, should be with the Executive Council of the BSA, not with an organization who finds the exclusionary policy abhorrent.

Teaching intolerance to young boys is a disgraceful thing and the BSA Exec. Comm. believes that this is what the families of Scouts want. Tell them that you disagree. The Girl Scouts of America, Campfire Boys and Girls, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and hundreds of other national and local organizations similar to the BSA do not have such policies. BSA President Ed Whitacre is also the CEO of SBC (parent company of Pactfic Bell & Southwestern Bell). In contrast to the BSA policy, SBC documents state that it "does not discriminate against job applicants or employees based on ... sexual orientation."

(Mr. Whitacre's phone number is (210) 821-4105.) Call Mr. Whitacre, or write BSA National or BSA Central NJ Council. Tell them that you do not support discrimination. With your input, they will realize that this policy is not supported and they are hurting every Scout and every boy who wants to be a Scout.

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Borough Overcrowding Ordinance Clearly Directed Against Hispanics

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

As the controversy continues regarding the profiling of minority drivers for traffic stops in New Jersey another version of profiling is occurring in the Borough of Princeton. It is considering a new ordinance allowing authorities to prove overcrowding in rental units without actually seeing the alleged overcrowding. Having an inoperable car on the premises, having an extra refrigerator or having a mattress stored in the attic or basement will be sufficient proof of overcrowding. The Borough will then be free to fine landlords and expel tenants without having proven anything more than a situation which probably exists in a majority of Princeton's homes. How many Princeton homes have a mattress stored in the attic or an extra refrigerator in the basement?

Keep in mind that we're not talking about graduate students or immigrants from Canada, Asia or Europe. By targeting the John-Witherspoon neighborhood, this ordinance and previously misguided attempts are clearly directed toward Hispanics. This ordinance will be a weapon that authorities can selectively enforce to satisfy intolerant neighbors who dislike the inflow of Hispanics and would prefer they lived elsewhere.

Princeton has been struggling with a method to control Hispanics for a few years now. A while back, the Borough Council debated an ordinance which would allow night-time raids of apartments to count residents. Neighbors would be used as informants to identify residences to be raided. Officials were quoted as saying the best time to count the Hispanics was during the middle of the night when they were at home asleep.

Eventually the Council recognized the constitutional issues associated with night-time raids and next decided to bribe tenants to say the landlord forced them to live in overcrowded conditions. The tenants would then be moved to a notorious welfare motel in Lawrence Township. The fact that the motel was considered unsafe by Lawrenceville Township authorities did not seem to matter to Princeton authorities. The displaced people would be out of its' jurisdiction and now someone else's problem. Landlords would be sued to pay for the moving expenses and the motel charges. This plan was doubly ingenious because it not only shipped Hispanics out of town but also punished landlords who rented to them. Problem solved.

Under the banner of concern for the health and welfare of Hispanic tenants, Princeton Borough now proposes to discriminate against them by selectively prohibiting practices that legally exist in non-rental properties. Where will the displaced people go? In the past the Borough was prepared to ship families out of town to live in deplorable situations. They were willing to separate friends and families, many without means of transportation, and make it difficult or impossible for them to get to work, go to church, go to school, or visit their friends. Borough Council apparently believed it was better for Hispanic families to live in a crowded Lawrence Township welfare motel along with a variety of homeless inhabitants than to live in a Princeton apartment which bureaucrats had declared "overcrowded."

Borough officials now believe a new ordinance is necessary because the Hispanics "sleep in shifts," making overcrowding difficult to prove. They also believe that an extra mattress in the affic of a property rented to Hispanics proves someone lives in the attic while not coming to the same conclusion about extra mattresses in non-Hispanic households.

A New York politician observing the voting controversy in Florida recently said he "smelled a whiff of Fascism in the air." That may be a stretch in our local situation but something here certainly smells bad.

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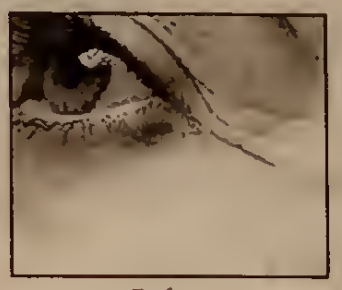

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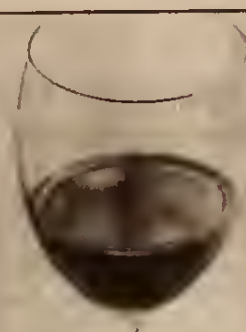

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If Council Had Accommodated Boy Scouts It Would Also Be Accommodating Bigotry

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I am involved in local politics because I think it's important for people to be engaged in the decision-making process that affects their lives. I am also involved because of the importance of serving and improving one's community. No organization instilled in me these values more strongly than the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts is populated with good people who do good things and teach youth to do good. In spite of these members and despite the good that they do, the Boy Scouts' national policy discriminates against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation. The organization felt so deeply about its right to discriminate that it appealed a lawsuit, which began in New Jersey, to the United States Supreme Court. The Court affirmed the Boy Scouts' right, as a private organization, to deny membership to gay scouts.

As a Scout, I had hoped that the good people who do good within the Scout ranks would protest the Scout policy. The national Boy Scout organization does not make policy without the support of its local councils and troops. If local leaders disagree with the policy, it is essential for them to speak out on the issue. Bigotry flourishes in our communities because good people are indifferent or unwilling to take action.

But this is not the issue before Borough Council. The issue is to what extent a municipality must accommodate bigotry. We must not infringe on anyone's constitutional rights. Individuals have the right to use our public facilities to congregate, our streets to march, our parks to demonstrate. However, a municipality must be wary of actions that collaborate with — and may be seen as supporting — discriminatory groups.

Princeton Borough has been sensitive to discrimination in our community. Several months ago two local restaurants denied a blind person access to their facilities because she would have to bring in her seeing-eye dog. While these restaurants did not have a discriminatory intent, the issue was taken up by the Human Services Commission, the Health Commission and Borough Council, because the restaurants' actions had a discriminatory effect.

Here we have an organization that, despite all of the good it does, currently espouses intolerance and intends to discriminate. The Boy Scouts' request to bag two parking meters is not burdensome, but it is a special accommodation beyond the bounds of constitutional requirements. Therefore, Borough action would be a meaningful collaboration with a private group that discriminates. If a local store posted a sign that said "No Blacks" or "No Catholics" or "No Hispanics" would we grant the store's request to bag parking meters? If not, why would we take action now for an organization that says "No Homosexuals"?

The activity of selling Christmas trees is a community service being fulfilled by good people doing good things. But, unless we have assurances from the local troop that they do not agree with the national Boy Scout policy, I do not see how we, as a municipality, can grant their request.

RYAN STARK LILIENTHAL
Maple Street
Borough Council Committeeman

Inappropriate Action Against Boy Scouts Damages Reputations of Two Councilmen

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I should like to second the letter of Douglas Mackie in a the TOWN TOPICS, November 29 issue.

I disagree, however, with his final paragraph. It is not the reputation of our Boy Scout troop that will suffer, but rather the reputations of Messrs. Lilienthal and Martindell for such an ill-advised and inappropriate action.

WINIFRED T. HALL
Nassau Street

Borough Merchants for Princeton Thank Nassau Inn for Its Support

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

We would like to thank the Nassau Inn and in particular Lori Rabon, the General Manager, for their generosity in hosting the annual Borough Merchants for Princeton's's Holiday Party on Tuesday, November 28.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the local business community to gather together and enjoy each other's company and to discuss the Old-fashioned Holiday Program, which includes the annual Tree Lighting, the town-wide decorations. Santa's schedule, horse and carriage rides, and strolling musicians.

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Boy Scouts Respond to Bigotry Label: "We Don't Make Policy or Discriminate"

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

In our letter of November 29, we asked Council to reconsider its denial of our request for two parking permits. The following day, Councilman Lilienthal published a letter in the Princeton Packet which characterized "the Boy Scouts" as "a discriminating group" and indicated that merely issuing the parking permits would require the Borough to "accommodate bigotry."

While it may be easier for the Borough to register its displeasure with the national organization by penalizing Troop 43, rather than by communicating with national headquarters, Troop 43 does not make policy, nor do we advocate discrimination. If any of the adult leaders of Troop 43 thought we were allowing "bigotry" to flourish in our community merely by our continued membership in the Scouts, we would resign. However, we are each convinced that our Troop provides an important resource to the youth and community of Princeton which is not otherwise available.

In reconsidering our application, we ask the Council to remember that the application is Princeton Boy Scout Troop 43 only. When we applied, at the suggestion of Borough employees, we were not told that there would be imposed on us an unpublished requirement, not demanded of other applicants, even religious groups which might have doctrinal positions on matters of sexual preference.

Now, for the sake of these two parking bays which we were encouraged to apply for, a representative of the Borough Government has publicly and erroneously implied that we may be promoting "bigotry." We must respond.

Troop 43 does not ask any applicant for scout or adult membership any questions about their sexual preference, nor have we ever asked any person to leave because of their sexual preference. We teach tolerance, not intolerance, and we have never advocated discrimination against any person or group. Indeed, we are proud to be a diverse group of persons from many faiths, philosophies and ethnic backgrounds. While we teach that civic responsibility is fundamental, we espouse no political party or platform. While our program is based upon belief in a Supreme Being, we do not advocate any doctrine, creed or religious denomination. We do not teach scouts about sex education or sexual preference; instead we leave these matters to their parents, religious leaders and health care providers.

Princeton Boy Scout Troop 43 has no role in the enunciation or implementation of national policy concerning homosexual scout leaders. Regardless of our own personal views, we do not think that it is within the proper constitutional sphere of Government to compel us to sign a statement of protest or disavowal as a condition of obtaining a parking permit. We ask you to reconsider.

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 43
Garrett Brown, Marshall Freedman, Richard Smaus, Scoutmasters
Robert Wells, Joseph La Placa, William MacKenzie,
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Nancy Shaw, Troop Committee Chair

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Arts Council Is Our Center for Arts; It Should Remain in Center of Town

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

We write to urge our neighbors in the greater Princeton community to help us keep the Arts Council of Princeton where it now is, at the center of the community, at Witherspoon and Paul Robeson Place. We all recognize the pressure on towns like ours to let their centers die, and then distribute the parts along highways leading out of town. We don't want that to happen to Princeton. The Arts Council, standing where it now stands, says to the world that Arts in Princeton are where they should be — at the center of our lives.

Another point has perhaps not been sufficiently emphasized. The new building planned for the Arts Council at its present site will be by Michael Graves, whose award only last week of the American Institute of Architects' Gold Medal — its highest honor — re-affirms his status as one of the world's great architects. When the building he has designed is completed, it will be a work of art, a point of pride for all Princetonians and a place to see for visitors. We must not discard that vision, of Art in the heart of Princeton, in a work of art.

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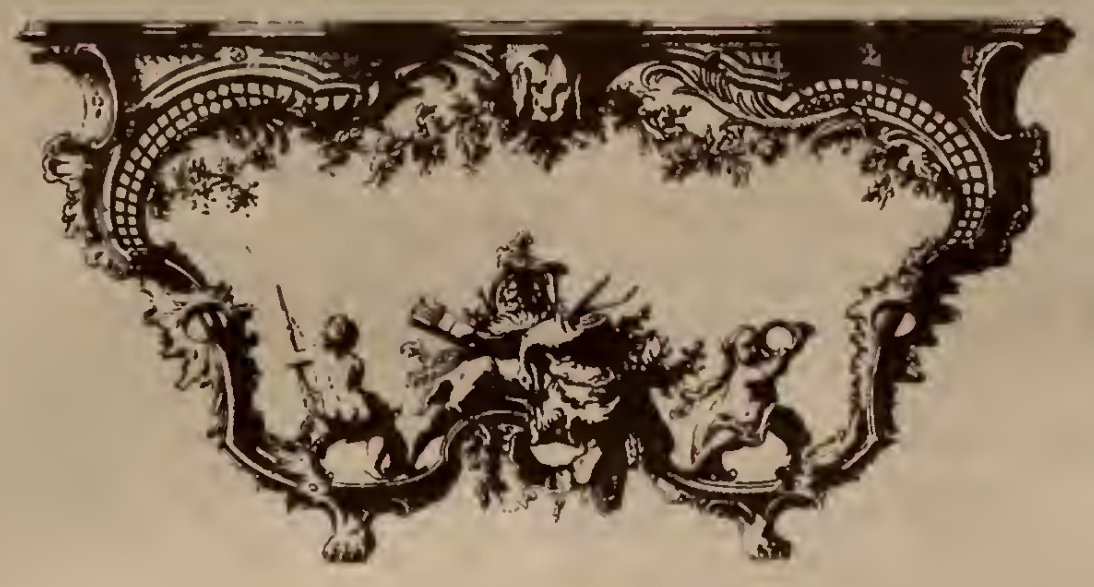

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Describing her work, Ms. Sturken says, "... Many images are recycled and have evolved over time, and document its fugitive nature. The events we participate in become part of memory's imprint and the symbols, recurring through time are repeated."

She continues, "I print old letters and documents, ancient alphabets, and scroll writings from various sources, on Japanese papers, and use them as *chine collé* material to embed into the thin flax pulp. I have always been interested in antiquity and the way ancient ruins contain secrets from the past."

The artist has held many shows in the area — at the College ol New Jersey, Summit Bank the Nassau Club, Moore College of Art & Design, and at other locations.

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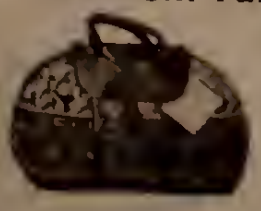
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Exhibits

Members of the Trenton Artists Workshop Association (TAWA) will show their work in a holiday exhibition, "Fantasy and Desire," in the **ArtWorks Gallery**, 19 Everett Alley, Trenton, through December 21.

The curator of the exhibit, which includes work in a number of different media, is TAWA member George Olexa. For questions and information, call Kathryn Triolo, at 394-9436.

Karen McLean, photographer and fine artist, and weaver Armando Sosa will hold a joint exhibition of new work from December 8 to December 10, at **Highland Studios**, located upstairs at 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. An opening reception will take place on December 8, from 5 to 8.

The subject matter of Ms. McLean's new images varies — from still lifes to scenes from the artist's travel through the Italian countryside. The work is a combination of fine art and photography. Mr. Sosa's new weavings include tapestries, shawls, and pillows, in an array of colors and designs.

The exhibition will be open on Saturday, December 9, from 10 to 6; and on Sunday, December 10, from 12 to 6.

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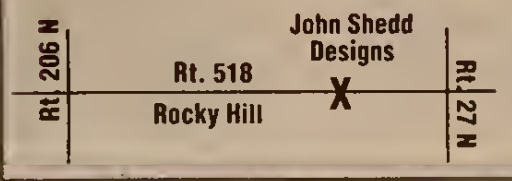

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KINETIC SCULPTURE: By Pol Bury, "66 Balls and Their Cylinders" stretches in place at turtle speed.

Unlike painting, sculpture does not rely on spatial illusions. Because of its concrete nature — the disposition of solids and voids, it was traditionally immutable and mute.

Since 1950, however, in a variety of ways, sculpture has evolved, becoming more inclusive. It is no longer, necessarily, silent, or materially indestructible. The fabricated object has surrendered its authority to the found object.

Tactile surfaces — such as hair, bone, or flesh — that once copied reality, have all but disappeared from sculpture. Sculptors no longer attempt to reproduce nature. Instead, their art is found in the resolution of differences between opposites.

Sculptor Claes Oldenburg, for example, delights in reversals. Small hand-held objects become colossal public monuments. On view here in a work entitled *Soft Engine, Port #1 (Rodiator ond Fan)*, hard is soft. The material is canvas filled with kapok.

Just as the frame is no longer required for the easel painting, so, too, have bases all but disappeared from sculpture. Since the introduction of the "readymade" by Marcel Duchamp, any use of a base accords to sculpture the affected look of a trophy.

Because of their academic backgrounds and age, several sculptors — including Harry Bertoia, Dino Beldella, and James Rosati — still rely on the base as a framing element.

Mr. Bertoia's spiny monolith resembles a chunky round of coral reef. It rises on a little tube, giving the work the appearance of a candied apple.

For both Mr. Baldella and Mr. Rosati, flattened slabs stand in as pedestals. A ragged ribbon of iron rides on a narrow running board in Mr. Baldella's work, while Mr. Rosati spreads a carpet of polished brass that functions like a reflecting pool for its armature-like sculpture.

In this post-Donald-Judd period, the new sculptor is like an architect who conceives the work which others execute.

With the emergence of "earthworks" during the 1960's, even the notion of sculptural permanence has been subverted. Earthworks (by Smithson and Christo) enjoyed the limited life of a stage set, with a fixed strike date.

This show, while not exactly a comprehensive survey, is a tidy sampling of the sculpture created since 1950.

The show includes work in a variety of media. Alexander Calder, Kenneth Snelson, Christopher Wilmarth, James Hagen, Herbert Ferber, and Alexander Lieberman are represented, as are figurative sculptors George Segal, Jim Dine, Jonathan Shahn, and Claes Oldenburg.

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The breadth and diversity of "Material Language" is also illustrated by the following sculptors, a cross section of those in the show.

Anthony Caro

This British sculptor was an assistant to Henry Moore in the early 1950's. He came under the influence of David Smith in 1959, when he began welding and bolting together metal shapes. For a period during the 1960's, he painted his work. At length, he abandoned the polychromed surfaces for natural patinated surfaces, wood and rust.

His piece in the Museum show dates from 1979. It is an amalgam of the found and the fabricated. Entitled *Writing Piece "Good"*, it includes a saw handle.

Pol Bury

A painter born in Belgium, Pol Bury gave up painting for sculpture in the mid-fifties. Almost immediately, he incorporated electric motors in his work, influenced by the graceful cycles of Calder's mobiles. The kinetic work exhibited is a stack of black boxes, tiered like balconies. They are sprouting *66 Balls and Their Cylinders*.

The balls are elegantly stained and lacquered wood, tethered to nylon cord inside the cylinders.
When an electric current is activated, the balls rotate with a muffled, clunking noise.

Isamu Noguchi

A Japanese American born in California, Noguchi was heavily influenced by Brancusi, with whom he studied in 1928. During the next couple of decades, he explored the use of natural materials, including bone, wood, and paper. Influenced by the basic forms of calligraphy and Cycladic sculpture (c. 3,000-1100 B.C.), he did a series of masks, of which *Funny Face* (1976-77), is a signature example.

From a smoothly, sensuous, polished, marble oval issues a smaller half-oval, containing a central blush of pink like a mocking tongue.

ROUGH CUT WOOD: Partially painted, this piece by Jonathan Shahn, is entitled "Armless Seated Figure."

FOUND & FABRICATED: By Anthony Caro, the assembled objects include a mallet and a saw handle in "Writing Piece 'Good.'"

Leo Steppat

An American born in Austria, Steppat shows a vertical piece, *Toro 1953*. For this welded steel juxtaposition of plates and lines, the sculptor is indebted to the shallow, linear constructions of Julia González. The wiry tendrils that tie the piece together are topped by little knobby masses, like a programmed series of end points.

The work is an elegant 2-D compression of 3-D space, recalling Miro and Klee. Because of its essential flatness, it has been installed close to a wall, which enhances its silhouette.

James Lee Byars

In this untitled piece, Lee Byars works with Japanese paper in a piece that suggests towels pulled from a dispenser — without the dispenser. Two paper paths start high on the wall. Hugging it, they descend in accordion folds, piling into twin packs on the floor. The dialectic is in the fall, not the fold.

Lee Byars was associated with Richard Bellamy, and the Green Gallery in the early sixties, when the minimalists were emerging. The piece trades on the reductivist principles of the period.

20th Century Masters

Much of the work in the exhibition can be traced to three great 20th Century masters — Duchamp, González, and Brancusi — who established the beachhead for a new generation of sculptors. Since mid century, sculpture has taken off in so many directions that to call it pluralistic would be to understate its variety, not to mention its vitality.

It has become so robust, as to barely contain itself, bumping against — if not encroaching on — the frontiers of painting and architecture, re-inventing itself at every turn.

New sculpture has renounced its traditional commemorative function, methods, and preciousness. Respecting the integrity of all materials, new and ancient, it has embraced a new vision. It has done so with what can only be described as a joyous irreverence.

As Professor Hal Foster, Townsend Martin Professor of Modern Art at the University, wrote in his introduction to the exhibition, "After 1950, the toy box of modern sculpture was thrown wide open. Different kinds of objects could be plucked out and played with."

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Clubs & Organizations

Norman Jarosik, Princeton University physics professor, will speak to the **Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton** (AAAP), on December 12, at 8:15, at the Fitzrandolph Observatory on Fitzrandolph Road.

Dr. Jarosik was responsible for designing the electronic interfaces necessary to operate the Fitzrandolph telescope and the OSETI Detector from the observatory's control room. His topic will be, "The Modernization of the 36-Inch Fitzrandolph Telescope."

For more information, call AAAP Director Kirk Alexander, at 497-9356.

The **Princeton Senior Citizens Club** will hold its holiday party at the Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive (behind Borough Hall), on Friday, December 8, at 1. A catered lunch will be followed by entertainment, provided by Floyd Phox and Dorothy Alexander.

Officers and trustees to be installed include, Consuelo Campbell, president; Betty Davison, vice president; Kathleen Brady, secretary; Esther Harris, treasurer; and trustees Helen Cullen, Ann Davison, Daniel Leard, Ruth Lester, Vivian Robinson, and Henry Tilghman.

For more information, call 921-6082.

The **Women's College Club of Princeton** will meet on December 11, at 1, at All Saints' Church, 16 All Saints' Road.

The award-winning Princeton High School Chamber Choir, under the direction of Charles Sundquist, will present a program of holiday choral music. The choir, scheduled to go to St. Petersburg, Russia, and Berlin, Germany in the spring, has previously performed in London, Paris, and Rome. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting.

Internationally-known recorder performer Gwyn Roberts will conduct the **Princeton Recorder Society** on Tuesday, December 12, from 7:30 to 9:30, at the Kingston Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Kingston. Social time will begin at 7.

Ms. Roberts is on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania and Peabody Conservatory. She has performed with Tempesta di Mare, Concerto Soloists Chamber Orchestra, and Recitar Cantando of Tokyo.

New recorder players are always welcome at the Princeton Recorder Society. Prospective members may play with the group or just listen.

For more information, call music director Sue Parisi, at (908) 874-5267; or visit the Society website, at princeton recorder.homestead.com.

The **Princeton Singles**, a non-profit group for ages 55-plus, will visit the Freehold Race Track on Saturday, December 9. The group will meet at 12 noon at the Lawrenceville Police Station (intersection of Routes 95 and 206), and travel by car pool to the race track. The admission price of $16.50 includes lunch.

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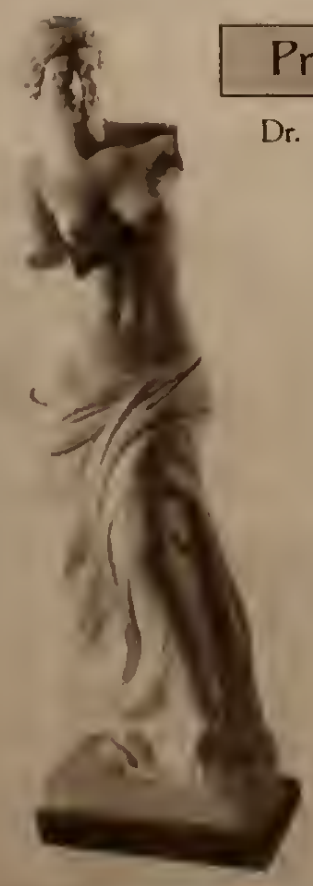

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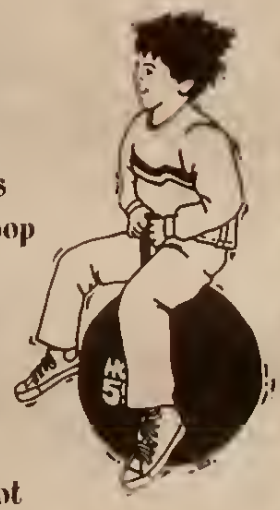

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"What's old is new," says Hamilton vice President Mike Hopper, explaining the current enormous popularity of diamond stud earrings and diamond line bracelets. Studs are a "must give," according to Mr. Hopper, and white gold and platinum are the favored settings for all diamond jewelry this year.

For those who like something a bit different, there is a new line of pink and yellow diamonds in original Hamilton settings. Another new line is "Classics in Color," a beautiful array of ruby, emerald, and sapphire earrings with diamond accents, in many styles, and designed and manufactured in house.

Diamond pave jewelry from Italy, including heart pendants, bow pins, and floral pins and earrings, is a trendsetter this year. And back by popular demand is the pastel flower collection, including earrings, pendants, and bracelets with softly colored pink, yellow and blue sapphires, and diamond accents, in delicate flower shapes. The exquisite flower earrings are $595.

Several new designers are featured at Hamilton, including Stephen Webster, whose stunning, boldly designed cufflinks, earrings and rings are carved from chryophase, obsidian, mother-of-pearl and coral, all in 18k gold with diamond accents. Striking enamel and sterling silver cufflinks for men are in bright colors, starting at $250.

Top quality watches are a Hamilton specialty, and all major lines, such as Rolex, Cartier, Ebel, Baume & Mercier, Patek Philippe, Jaeger-LeCoultre, Breitling, and Tag Heuer, are represented. A new line of Swiss watches by Bedat & Co. starts at $1700, and includes the best-selling ChronoPocket watch, a stainless steel wristwatch of inspired design that converts into a pocket watch, desk watch, and chronograph.

"Men love technical watches," says Mr. Hopper, "and the more complicated the better!"

In women's watches, the trend is toward larger and bolder, with more color on dials and straps.

As always, Hamilton's giftware section is outstanding, and has something for everybody in every price range. Christmas ornaments start at $22. The well-known MacKenzie-Childs tabletop items offer many new designs in a fanciful mix of checks, dots, and stripes, including pottery, glassware, doorknobs, and tree ornaments.

A delightful handpainted bedside water carafe features a floral design, with accompanying crocheted and beaded cover ($40). An area exclusive is the exquisite William Yeoward crystal, replicas of 18th- and 19th-century crystal, including stemware, bowls, decanters, and pitchers, from $50.

Among the many charming and unusual sterling silver pieces are shell-shaped dishes, and salt and pepper sets, styled as asparagus, aubergine, and cabbage. In addition, real shells are adorned with sterling silver to create candle holders, paperweights, and spoons. Sterling boxes, frames, and small dishes in shell, floral, or leaf shapes are under $200.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and extended holiday hours are Monday to Friday 9:45 to 8:30, Saturday until 6, Sunday 12 to 5.

Step into the stylish elegance of **Merrick's** this holiday season! A visual pleasure inside and outside, with wonderful displays and decorations, this charming women's store is especially known for its super selection of party dresses, as well as casual and career clothing, knits, separates, resort wear, and accessories.

You can certainly go to the ball in one of Merrick's sensational party dresses. They are in all colors (red and black, of course) and styles, from sleek strapless to flowing bouffant swirls. Beaded and sequined tops are an important look — glitter is clearly in.

You must have one of Merrick's dressy sweaters in cotton metallic silver with gold trim at the neck, or in black, or teal, and these are also available in sets. Long tunic boucle-style sweaters are a great look over a tank top, with pants or long skirt.

Harari offers a super line of party pants with chiffon overlay, and you can do so much with this style, by adding a shell and a chiffon jacket to complete the look, which features an Oriental influence. A dragon design is a major theme, seen in chiffon in blue and black.

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Merrick's also has a very nice selection of gift items, including the top-of-the-line Diptyque candles from France (exclusive to the store in the area), special photo albums, coasters, and Christmas stockings, as well as an assortment of wonderfully fragrant luxurious soaps and body lotions.

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New this year is a selection of wonderfully soft one-size-fits-all angora sweater jackets in gorgeous colors, at $205, and the beautiful cashmere coats by Fleurette must be seen to be believed. In red, camel, and black, these are truly a work-of-art.

Leather jackets are also on display, as is a line of fun informal "grocery store clothes," according to owner Barbara Racich. Teal blue terry sweat pants, tights, tops, and jackets are very popular and versatile, priced at $65 for tops, and $72 for pants.

Resort clothes are also available, and there is an excellent variety of nightwear, including beautiful quilted satin robes (super in red to go with glamorous red silk pajamas). Also in stock is a selection of lightweight white cotton nightgowns, in assorted designs, at $65.

Accessories include elegant scarves in silk, and silk and velvet, as well as challis paisley shawls (big enough to double as a throw). As always, Merrick's offers its famous "browsing" drawer for fashion jewelry, and the selection is fun and wide-ranging.

In fact, Merrick's is really lots of little stores within a store. Small alcoves and sections feature specialties, and the favorite of many is the enchanting Merrick's Munchkins. Specializing in irresistible clothes and gifts for infants and toddlers, it includes hand-smocked rompers, dresses, and suits, adorable infant dress and hat combos, and layettes.

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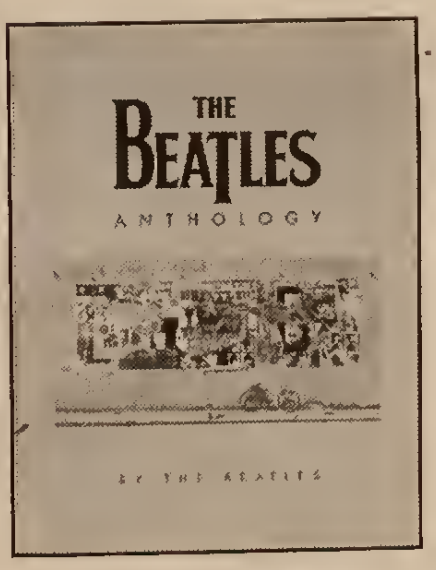

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Feminine elegance is on display at **Edith's**. Filmy negligees, glamorous gowns, sleek silk, and sexy black lace are all available at the popular Nassau Street lingerie shop.

The selection of Flora Nikrooz gowns is gorgeous, including exquisite sets, such as the embroidered gown with roses, with accompanying black chiffon coat, also featuring embroidered accents.

There are beautiful blanket robes, including super red styles from Miss Elaine, and temperatures will rise when you appear in the sultry leopard print velvet gown and matching robe. In addition, lovely 100 percent cotton gowns in many designs, including cotton gauze gowns for those who prefer something cooler, are popular choices.

But for really cold winter nights, Edith's has a wonderful selection of warm cozy flannel robes, nightshirts, and pajamas. A touch of whimsy is offered in the fun styles of the popular Nick & Nora pajamas, with new prints of Lifesavers and "False Alarm" (firemen and dalmatians) available at $69.

Other fun pajamas are decorated with winged pigs ("If pigs could fly"), "Good Dog, Bad Dog," and "Funky Chicken." For those with more sophisticated tastes, "His and Her" animal print nightwear is offered: "nightgown for her, boxers for him, robe to share."

Edith's always has a full complement of undergarments for every style of holiday dressing. Just bring in your backless and strapless dresses, and the staff will find just what you need. And new this year in the intimate section, is the Aviana line of bras for plus sizes, up to H.

Glamorous bras and thongs in black lace are available, and for a sleek look with party pants, a seamless shaper offers control for the stomach and legs, extending from the waist to the knees.

Slips, both full and half, and in all lengths, are offered in silk and nylon.

And if you're thinking of slipping away to warm, sunny weather, there is a great selection of Gottex and Amoena bathing suits, as well as a fabulous tiger print pareo — a must for a beach coverup.

Edith's also has a variety of fun stocking stuffer items, such as three pairs of Jockey for Her string bikinis in assorted colors for $16, Slipper Socks in a variety of colors and non-skid soles at $15, effervescent spa tabs for the bath in several fragrances, from $5, and a tiny gold running shoe, designed for the Breast Cancer Resource Center, $8 (with proceeds going to the Breast Cancer Resource Center) and available only at Edith's.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Saturday 9:30 to 5:30, Sunday (starting December 10 through 24) 12 to 4.

Always noted for its knowledgeable and helpful service and quality product, **Gasior's Furniture & Accessories** is also set apart by its friendly atmosphere and sense of timeless elegance.

Located at 2152 Route 206 in Belle Mead, the store is known for it selection of high quality traditional English and American 19th-century furniture, including such fine lines as Baker, Hickory Chair, Southwood, and Henkel-Harris. Its extensive assortment of home accessories and gifts offers a great holiday resource.

A very special piece and newly arrived at the store, is a numbered reproduction of Napoleon's gaming table in solid mahogany, with drop leaves and drawers for storage. Inside is a backgammon board, and the lid flips over to reveal a chess board.

Also new to the store this year is the introduction by Hickory Chair of the Winterthur Collection, reproductions of the Winterthur Museum.

Desks are important at Gasior's, and table, pedestal and double pedestal are all available, as is a big selection of tables of all kinds. End, accent, and center tables of mahogany and walnut are on display, along with charming lamp tables with painted butterfly design.

Handsome solid maple Hitchcock chairs are in demand, as are rockers of all types, including a Hitchcock child's rocker at $335. There is also a wonderful period high chair. Leather chairs feature both recliners and stationary styles.

The lamp selection is excellent, as usual, with a variety of floor and table lamps available, including brass, wood, and decorated. Chapman is a major line.

Gift items include a number of intriguing choices, such as a line of nautical-related pieces. There are sailboat models in assorted sizes, some as large as four feet high. New this year, they are priced from $120.

Other nautical gifts include a fun "Learn the Ropes — Tie the Knot," a box with ropes and instructions for tying nautical knots ($28), a handsome brass paperweight compass, at $19, and a 66-foot measuring tape in a wooden case with crank for winding, also $19, and another compass in a mahogany box for $55.

A solid brass precision telescope (20 by 40 mm) comes in a very good-looking wooden box, offered at $235.

Other excellent gift possibilities include leather boxes which look exactly like books, $75, globes on stands, and a

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big selection of magazine racks in iron and wood (including a Winterthur reproduction) and waste baskets in interesting designs.

A handsome coat rack has an umbrella stand at its base, and planters and plant stands are another specialty. There are many styles, and a wooden three-tiered plant stand with gold trim folds flat when not in use. A very special gift is the wooden carved rocking horse — a treasure for some fortunate child!

Needlepoint accent pillows are displayed in many of the sample rooms, and Gasior's selection of framed art is another attraction, highlighting original oils, prints, and botanicals in assorted sizes and themes, from landscapes to animals.

A new addition to the store is the selection of the high quality handmade Shifman matresses.

Many visitors to Gassier's know that the building was once a school house, and reminders of this remain in the playroom for children, with old-fashioned desk, chalkboard, books and toys. Kids can play here, while their parents browse among the many room settings.

Gasior's offers gift certificates, and is open Monday through Saturday 10 to 5:30, Thursday until 8.

CHOCOLATE DELIGHT: This 50-pound chocolate Santa, decorated by Stephanie Derr, is on display at the Thomas Sweet Chocolate Shop on Palmer Square. A variety of other chocolate Santas includes all sizes and styles, from jolly old St. Nick to formal Father Christmas, and in dark, milk and white chocolate.

This distinctive Nassau Street shoe store has been serving the discriminating customer for 30 years, and is noted for its full selection of fine quality classic shoes for men and women. **Ricchard's** features both dressy and casual styles for all occasions.

With comfort and informality the key today, the store offers the Mephisto line from France for men and women. Featuring pure cushioned latex platform soles in many styles, they are the ultimate walking shoe.

New this year is the Camper line from Spain for men and women, offering a variety of laced and slip-on walking shoes, with a touch of whimsey. A fun slip-on black shoe for women features a rust fall leaf design.

H.S. Trask emphasizes comfort and walking shoes, with both business/casual styles and waterproof boots. Havana Joe is another popular casual line for men, and Merrell winter clogs and moccasins continue to be big seller, as are Rockports, both for men and women.

Cole-Haan offers informal and dress shoes for men, and also available are the lines of Alden and Allen Edwards. In addition, Ricchard's has reintroduced E.T. Wright dress and casual shoes for men.

For those upcoming holiday parties, the ladies can truly dance all night in the gold and silver mesh sandals with glitter, accented with applique, which are available in high or lower heels. The most beautiful and comfortable party shoes in town!

For elegance and comfort, Ricchard's carries shoes from Sesto Meucci and Van Ell, as well as Peter Kaiser, popular for the wider fit. Arche shoes from France are ultra-comfortable, with soft Nubuck uppers and pure latex soles.

The Donald J. Pliner line is popular for women, with shoes that appear lightweight but are sturdy, and also super-comfortable, with very cool styling that works with skirts or pants. A red patent leather loafer has a fun look, and features rubber comfort soles.

Boots are important for the season, and dressy tall boots for women in black suede or leather are popular, as is the selection from Arche, including pant boot and high heel. As always, there are the wonderful Richard Draper sheepskin boots from England, (also available for men).

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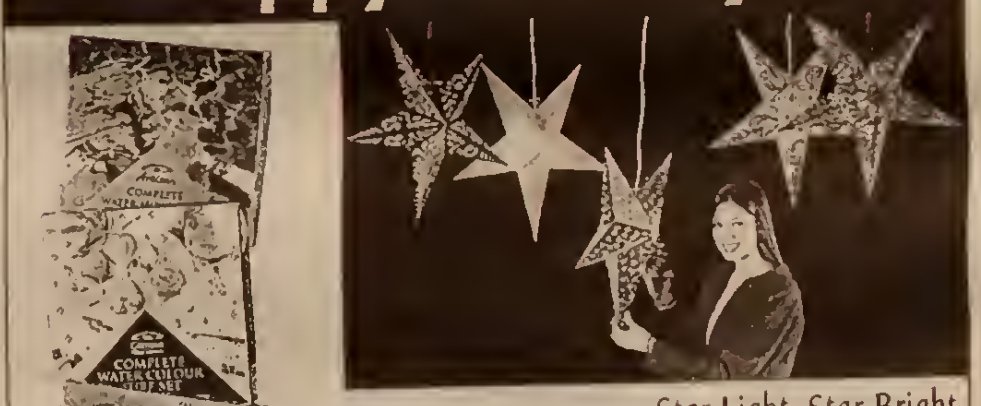

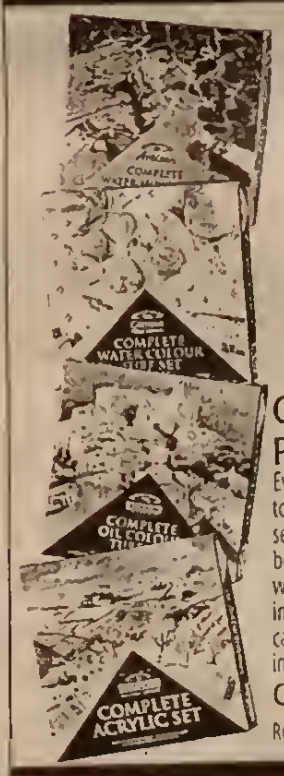

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Of course, slippers are a holiday tradition, and Ricchard's has all the choices, from cozy English sheepskin to dressy black mules. Sheepskin for men are popular, and the more formal styles from Evans, are also available.

Classically handsome leather belts, including some woven, make timeless gifts in the $50 to $80 range, from Cole-Haan and Allen Edmonds. There is also a great selection of men's socks. Hard-to-find tall hose, over-the-calf in different and interesting patterns are in stock, and these are excellent stocking stuffers. Also available are cashmere socks at $30 a pair.

Ricchard's has a wonderful selection of evening bags. There are gorgeous little black faille and peau de soie, also silver and white in the $22 to $40 range. In assorted looks, they will complete the fashion statement in style!

Gift certificates are offered, and hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 to 6, Thursday until 7:30, Saturday 9 to 5, and Sundays in December 12 to 4.

Whatever the season, **Obal Garden Center**, 516 Alexander Road, at the canal, keeps Princeton gardens beautiful and healthy. Owned and operated by the Obal family for more than 40 years, this popular establishment can provide all your gardening needs and a great holiday gift selection, as well.

Always known for excellent bird feeders and houses, Obal's offers a selection in all sizes and styles, including window feeders from $10. There is everything from hummingbird feeders to the new "Yankee Flipper" squirrel proof feeder, and in a wide variety of price ranges.

A complete selection of seed and suet is available, as well as all the bird guide books. The new *Birds of New Jersey* offers extremely nice illustrations, and is very popular at $13.95.

Also on display is a selection of oversized round outdoor thermometers, including those with bird designs from the Audubon Collection. A nice gift for the bird lover at $16.95. The popular songbird clock, with a different bird's song announcing each hour, is $16.98.

The Songbird Spa is a complete birdbath accessory set and watering system, including a spray and dripper, for $50.95. A variety of birdbaths offers ceramic, concrete and glazed terra cotta, and standing and hanging styles. Bath heaters are also available.

A selection of garden statuary is on display outside, and outdoor gazing globes are another enhancement to the garden. Sundials are very popular, and Obal's has a nice selection in different styles and designs, from $26.95.

The high quality Haws watering cans are in stock in attractive colors, from small indoor to large outdoor sizes, starting at $8.50. A variety of other watering cans in metal, plastic, and copper is also available. Misters are in stock, including colored glass styles at $6.95, as well.

Indoor water fountains are becoming more and more popular, as people enjoy the sense of relaxation and the added moisture they can bring to a room. Obal's has a variety of assorted designs, including copper, ranging from $75 to $127.

Of course, there is a complete line of planters, garden tools and supplies, with the entire line of the high quality Felco pruners available. A big selection of men's and women's work gloves includes every kind from deerskin to rubber and thinsulate, in all price ranges and designs.

For indoor plant display, Obal's offers a nice selection of plant stands in white, black, and green metal with smooth plastic coating in different sizes, from $17. Also available is the window sill extender, offered at $17.95. (Indoor bird-watching cats may enjoy perching on these as well!).

Obal's has a beautiful display of poinsettias this year, in all colors and sizes, starting at $2.95. Gorgeous amaryllis blossoms are on display, and kits are $9.95. Paperwhite kits are $7.95, and cyclamen is in assorted colors, at $5.75 a pot. Christmas cactus is also available. A big variety of seeds is on hand, and is always great as a stocking stuffer.

Keeping the outdoors deer-safe is important in the winter too, and a full selection of liquid deer repellents, as well as netting is in stock. In addition, the Deer Alerts for the car are available at $19.98.

As always, Obal's offers the very popular bundled firewood in packages for $3.98.

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday through Friday 8 to 5, Saturday until 4, Sunday 11 to 3.

Graves Design on Nassau Street is the only store in the world to feature exclusively the gift items designed by award-winning architect Michael Graves. There are many wonderful choices for holiday shopping in this charming studio store.

New this year is the Alessi olive oil can, a companion to the famous whistling bird tea kettle that has lifted many a kitchen out of the doldrums. Made of stainless steel with a burgundy polymer stopper and a Graves signature blue handle, it has a long tapered spout, and is $118.

The tea kettle is still a best seller, and is available this

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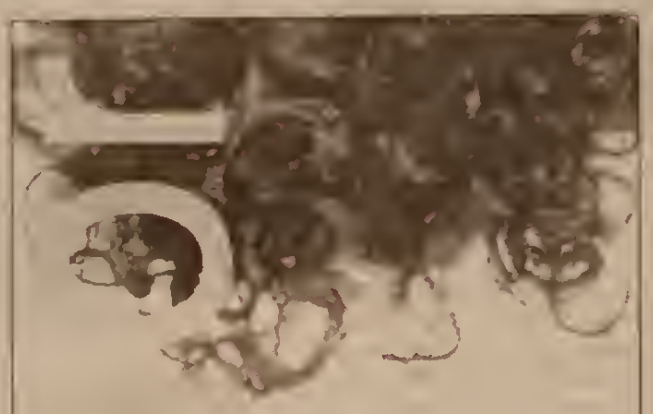

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year in a new color, a pale champagne/gold, with cream colored handle and bird. A great choice for today's neutral colored kitchens, at $112, and there are several other items featuring the well-known kettle design.

Also from Alessi is a one-hour kitchen timer with the famous winged motif in cream, pumpkin, or red, offered at $52. A handsome stainless steel hanging wall rack with five utensils is $267, and many good-looking steel and glass accessories are available for kitchen and table top, all with the very special look unique to Michael Graves.

Handsome large round serving trays in a black matte finish or gleaming stainless steel are priced from $55. Another new item, and a wonderful gift, is the stunning chess and checker set, in a checkered wood box containing black and ivory-colored chess and checker pieces of inspired design ($60).

For Michael Graves fans, a new book is offered in the Master Architect Series, beautifully illustrated with many color photographs of the architect's work, at $60.

Travel alarm clocks, a great corporate gift, are handsome in celadon, blue, tangerine, or black, at $45, and the Newark Museum wristwatch is still a great favorite, very distinctive in celadon, blue, or black, from $100. Painted wood table clocks, square or round, are in wonderful colors.

LIGHT THE FIRE: Irv Urken (right), owner, and Geoff Thompson, long-time sales associate of Urken's Supply Company, are shown with one of the store's new chiminea's (outdoor pottery fireplaces for cooking), at $179. Also available are the high quality Weber outdoor grills, for year-round grilling.

Other corporate gifts are fountain and roller ball pens, business card holders, and 2001 pocket calendars and desk journals, all with the distinctive Michael Graves look.

Photo frames of pierced metal in bright colors are $14 and up. Leather photo albums feature handmade papers with subtle floral patterns, and there is a selection of very attractive photo folders, silk-screened on linen, with ribbon ties, from $24.

To meet the designer himself, join Michael Graves at the store for a holiday celebration on Thursday, December 7, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., when he will be present to sign products throughout the evening.

Gift certificates and signature Michael Graves gift wrapping is available, and holiday hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 to 5.

Everyone loves to spend time in a hardware store. There is something about all those gadgets — "It's a toy store for adults. You can get practical items or frivolous ones, and spend $.15 or $1500," says Irv Urken, owner of **Urken's Supply Company**, the longtime hardware store on Witherspoon Street.

And you can find it all here! As Princeton shoppers have discovered over the past 63 years, this family-owned store specializes in personal attention, while providing all the basics of the traditional hardware store and supplies for remodeling and renovating.

There are many nifty items for holiday gift-giving. Oster blenders at $99 are a special item for the kitchen, as are toaster ovens from $40 to $60 and Mr. Coffee 10-cup coffee makers at $30.

Meat thermometers include a special fork for $19.99, which not only registers temperature, but indicates rare, medium, or well done. Also popular are the fondue sets at $49, and don't forget that always useful item — the thermos. They are in wide mouth plastic at $12.99 and stainless steel styles, which can sit in the car holder, and has a lid for safe sipping, $13.99.

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You can have your mail delivered in one of Urken's handsome mail boxes, including customized copper or fiber glass with a series of designs, or in the basic box for $9.99. Order now for personalization in time for Christmas.

The BonFire outdoor fireplaces at a competitive price of $149 are very popular. Appropriate for patio or terrace, these are on wheels, and "warm the cool of the night."

If, however, you want to light the fire inside, Urken's has all the fireplace equipment, starting at $19. Putting together a tool box is an Urken's specialty, and a great gift idea for someone just oll to college or setting up a first apartment. $25 can provide a nice basic box, with hammer, wrench, pliers, screwdriver, tape measure, etc.

In addition, the store has a great grab bag, with all items priced at $4.44. Customers are finding good quality wrenches, pliers, ratchet screwdrivers. and the like in a very eclectic selection.

Also available is a variety of power tools, including the very popular Black & Decker cordless drills, priced at $59. The electronic studfinder is another big seller.

Such basics as snow shovels and ice melts are in stock, as well as the more fun Flexible Flyer sleds in three sizes, at $36, $42, and $54. Another traditional favorite of the kids is the Radio Flyer red wagon, available in two sizes, from $110.

Urken's carries a big selection of brass lixtures, including lines from Baldwin, Omnia, Hafele and Valli in traditional and contemporary styles. New door knockers and door locks are a popular way to give a front door an updated look for the holidays.

Showerheads from Cifial, Hansgrohe, and Grohe are also available, and the Bionaire humidifier, with a warm mist, in assorted sizes, from $44.95, will ensure that there is enough moisture inside the house in winter.

Urken's also has a selection of small bird feeders at $9 and up, and a variety of seed and suet.

A full supply of holiday needs is in stock, including tree stands, lights, exterior extension cords, stake lights, batteries, etc.

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday through Saturday 8 to 5:30.

Bowden's Fireside Hearth & Home, located at 1731 Nottingham Way (Route 33), Hamilton Township, is a favorite shopping stop for holiday gift-giving. It offers all you need for a cozy fire on a winter night, as well as a wide variety of gift ideas.

The big sellers continue to be gas fireplaces, logs, and heaters. These systems (with logs, burner, and ember bed) are available in many styles and types, and offer natural-looking flames and efficient heat, all with the flick of a switch.

There are three categories: vented, direct vented, and unvented models. Major brands include Heat 'N' Glo, Heatmaster, and Peterson, among others. Also, because so many of these new products don't require a chimney, you are able to enjoy the fireplaces in many different rooms in the house.

The trend in gas log systems is toward a much more realistic look, both in the logs and the flames.

Gas stoves are also extremely popular now. Available in many handsome colors, they are very decorative, as well as functional, and because they are vent-free, they can go in any room, and also don't take up a lot of space.

For those who still love the real thing — a crackling fire with the unmistakable woodsy aroma — Bowden's has all the necessities. Log carriers and holders, bellows, fatwood and other fire starters, etc. are in full supply. Many of the smaller items are prewrapped, and in the $10 to $25 range. There is also an assortment of hearth rugs.

Fireplace equipment and screens are another big part of Bowden's business, and tool sets are available in many styles, including the very popular natural iron. An important line is Stone County Ironworks, which also offers handcrafted products, such as umbrella stands, clocks, lamps, and wine racks.

There is a decorative trend in fireplace screens today, including attractive wrought iron styles, resembling European window grating, available in a variety of styles, from country to elaborate.

In addition, heavy cast iron firebacks are more and more important, also in many designs. New this year is a unique line of whimsically attractive and artistic andirons, including ladybugs, sea shells, and starfish in brass and copper finishes, from $200.

Bowden's also has a big selection of gifts, from Baldwin door knockers and other brass items to mirrors, picture frames, candlesticks, and other home furnishing accessories, starting at $10 and $15.

Another trend today is the use of alternative finishes to brass in tool sets, screens,

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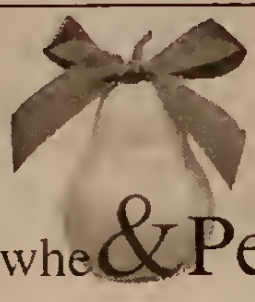

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and fireplace decorations. Natural iron, and antique pewter and nickel are popular, and less formal than polished brass. Even Baldwin now has switchplates in other finishes.

Baldwin also has a wonderful line of handpainted brass Christmas ornaments, including angels, elves, sleighs, and pianos, from $19 to $35.

Bowden's carries many styles of mail boxes, including brass, copper, and high enamel metal, starting at $29, and they can be personalized. The integrated post and mail box in cast aluminum has become especially popular, and is very decorative.

The store also does a big holiday business with gas barbecue grills. Many styles, sizes, colors, and features are offered, and the trend is to larger grills. Weber and Ducane are important lines, among others.

Remote control awnings have become an important item at Bowden's, and they are a long way from the awnings of old. With just the press of a button, they roll in or out. In many sizes , styles, designs and fabrics, they can also be customized.

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday, Friday and Saturday 10 to 5, Tuesday through Thursday until 8, Sunday 12 to 4.

For truly inspired gifts, you must visit **Bowhe & Peare**, the charming gift shop on Palmer Square, recently named "one of the best stores in the U.S." by Giftware Magazine. A wonderful selection of gifts and accessories is unique to the area, and the store brims with special holiday items.

Tree ornaments of all kinds are a highlight, and include spangled snowflakes and stars, painted wooden sailing ships and painted fish, starting at $4.85. A tiny crystal chandelier is $15. Porcelain bisque ornaments from Margaret Furlong are very collectible, depicting angels, shells, and delicate heart-shaped motifs.

Christmas stockings include jewel-toned velvet styles trimmed with gold lace, and enormous felt stockings with appliqued designs and ribbons, from $28. As always, Bowhe & Peare carries a selection of wonderful Noah's Arks, including a magnificent hand-carved version with six pairs of animals.

Nativities in many styles and sizes come from Mexico, Hungary, England, Peru, and the Holy Land, and beaded Christmas trees covered in red, gold and green beads are $42.

Other charming table top accessories are the pewter reindeer in several sizes, priced from $42, and a silver wire candlestick, a replica of

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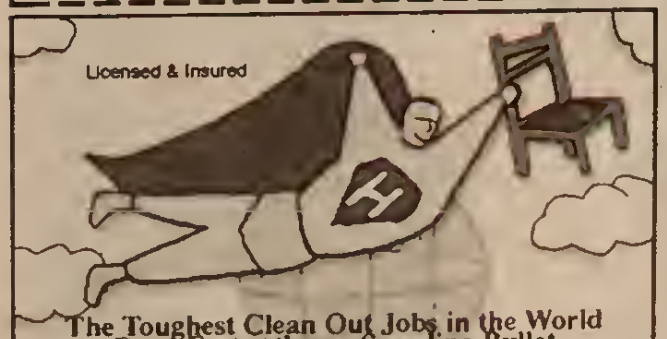
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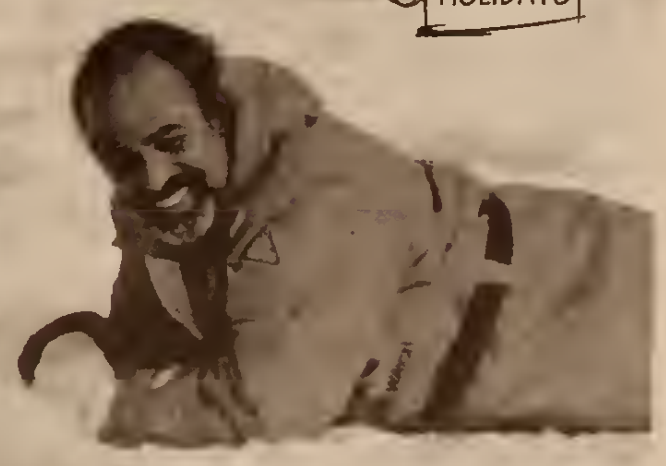
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It's time to think about a holiday gift for a favorite teacher, and many of the suggestions here are so versatile that they will serve equally well for friend, grandmother, or colleague.

An African violet is lovely to have on the desk or near a window, and **Obal Garden Center** on Alexander Road offers a selection from $3.95. Also at Obal's are charming pottery angels, which can perch up above on a shelf or mantel ($7.95).

Handpainted decorative papier mache boxes are nice alone or in groupings, and in round or square shapes, they can hold small treasures, $6.99 at **Kale's Christmas Shop** on Carter Road.

Beautiful prisms catch the light and create rainbows when they hang near a window. Available in different shapes, they are $13 and up at **Shop the World at the Salty Dog** on Spring Street.

Bowhe & Peare on Palmer Square has charming lavender sachet pillows, handmade in snowy white cotton with embroidered flowers, priced from $12, and fun from **Luttmann's** on Witherspoon Street is a selection of Flash Card personal flashlights in a variety of designs, including animals and flowers, offered at $5.99.

Also at Luttmann's are the very useful "Streetwise Maps", showing the layout of such places as Manhattan, Chicago and other cities, for $5.95.

A perennial pleaser at **Triangle Creative Center** at Darrah Lane and Route One is the handblown Venetian glass dipping pen, accompanied by two little bottles of ink. This will sweeten any teacher's writing task ($21.95). The same store also has little tins filled with eight fancy push pins, available in different themes for $14.95.

From **Oh No So Ho** in the Southfield Center on the Princeton-Hightstown Road is a selection of socks with embroidered designs for just about every occupation, including — a teacher! (Others: banker, doctor, lawyer, basketball player, golfer, etc., etc.) $12.

If that special teacher has a sweet tooth, **Main Street Bakery & Coffeehouse** in Kingston offers a gift-wrapped king-sized gingerbread man or Christmas tree, which can be personalized ($3.75 plain, $4.25 inscribed). A small loaf of Main Street's fruit bread is another nice gift, at $6.50

Bon Appetit in the Princeton Shopping Center also has many wonderful edibles, including a package of 20 meringue shells for $4. In vanilla or cappuccino, they are guilt-free delicacies — low fat, low cholesterol, and delicious!

If sweets are your thing, look no further. The high quality Godiva chocolates, Belgian Guylian, and Joseph Schmidt from San Francisco are all on display, as well as Asbach Uralt, the liqueur-filled chocolates from Germany, probably the finest of its kind.

Italian Marron Glaces are always popular at $11, and there are also foil-wrapped chocolate "fruit," including apples, oranges, and bananas for $2.99. They will surely look festive in the fruit bowl.

Exceptional packaging is a highlight of the wonderful assortment of cookies and biscuits from all over the world. The famous Walkers shortbread, familiar in its red tartan tin, is offered in a new triangle shaped tin, featuring a Scottish castles motif. The Duchy Originals biscuits, also from Scotland, are available in ginger, lemon, and orange, and proceeds from the sales are donated to the Prince of Wales Charitable Foundation.

Rose biscuits from France, a Reims specialty, are a perfect accompaniment to a bottle of champagne, and offered at $6. The Baci line

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the Eiffel Tower, at $33. A wide array of Santas and Christmas angels are in many different styles, sizes, and colors.

Always popular, picture frames become a necessity at holiday time, and they are in all sizes and styles at Bowhe & Peare, many handpainted or with inlaid wood decoration. Terrific choices in candlesticks include mercury glass, heavier weighted glass, and pottery.

An expanded selection of candle rings, to fit around a standard taper, is very popular. Some feature frosted beads, or flowers, berries, and angels. They start at $8.50, and no holiday candle is complete without them.

Hanukkah candles are available, and also candlesticks in glass and painted enamel. A rare ceramic menorah from Russia, handpainted in soft colors, is $96.

Scented candles are a holiday favorite, and the line of Aura Essence aromatherapy candles offers exotic fragrances, such as vanilla and lemongrass, clove and ylang-ylang, and Canadian fir and cedar wood. Colored beaded candles from Africa, some with painted flowers, are $12 a pair.

Everyone loves music boxes, and there is a delightful selection, including some with moving characters. A combination music/jewelry box with painted flowers and pink velvet lining, features a ballerina who twirls to the music when the lid is opened. ($28).

Beaded purses and evening bags, and a most unusual jewelry collection featuring pearls and sterling silver in lovely styles, are among the special items available at this special store.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are available, and hours are Sunday through Wednesday 10 to 6, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 to 9.

Visions of sugarplums come to mind at **Bon Appetit** in the Princeton Shopping Center. The array of gourmet goodies is truly mouthwatering. Candy and cookies galore, nuts and dried fruits (made at the store), jams and jellies, oils and vinegars — all in the most eye-catching packaging and presentation imaginable.

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of chocolates from Perugina are in absolutely gorgeous red or blue gift-wrapped packages, at $27.50.

There is also a selection of the traditional holiday panettones, plum puddings, and stolens, as well as Bon Appetit's own homemade pies, cakes, tarts, and cookies. Christmas cookies, including fresh petit fours, chocolate caramel sno rolls, gingerbread boys and Christmas trees, are available individually or by the pound.

A special treat for your sweet tooth is the Dulce de Leche caramel sauce from Argentina. As a topping for ice cream or cake, it is out of this world — "the most sinful caramel we know," reports the Bon Appetit's staff.

The packaging of the oils and vinegars are works of art, and there are more than ever this year. There are olive oils and balsamic vinegars in gorgeous ceramic and glass bottles and decanters, and especially popular is the new balsamic vinegar infused with fruits. They can be used as a salad dressing, without the need for oil. The fig balsamic vinegar is a particular favorite, deliciously rich and sweet, starting at $7.50.

In addition, there is a cocoa balsamic vinegar, which is an excellent marinade for meats, or salad dressing. Saba from Italy, an aged reduction of grapes, is like a sweet vinegar, and extremely popular.

A ready-made Greek balsamic vinegar and oil in a beautiful bottle is $5.99, and a great hostess gift. "Bread Dippers," olive oil and natural herbs and spices, and grapeseed oil, continue to be in demand in their colorful bottles, at $8 and $11.50.

FESTIVE DECORATIONS: The Obal family, including Tom and Walt, Jr. (back, from left) and Kathryn and Walter Obal, of Obal Garden Center, are shown with a white poinsettia and decorated wreath of mixed greens, juniper and pine cones. Double-face balsam wreaths are in assorted sizes, from $8.98. Live trees include Norway and Colorado spruce, Douglas fir, and dwarf Alberta spruce for tabletops. Fresh cut Fraser fir trees are six to seven feet, and a full selection of roping is also available.

Another popular gift is the Illy Cafe espresso set. The new limited edition offers an "Alien" theme, with four cups, coffee, and pot. Also available are designs by Francis Ford Coppola, and others, from $80 and up.

Tea is a big holiday seller, and there are many gift assortments, including Christmas spice teas from Fortnum & Mason, Earl Grey, and Taylors of Harrogate, starting at $5.99.

Cheese is one of the highlights at this store, with more than 300 different kinds from all over the world. Stilton, a traditional Christmas cheese, is available in individual wheels, and there are many exotic, hard-to-find French, Italian, and Spanish cheeses.

Bon Appetit offers full-scale catering, and there are special holiday menus available. Don't forget you can stop in for a quick cup of coffee, sandwich, homemade soup, and pastry for lunch, and at the same time, pick up dinner to take home. The choices are outstanding: as simple as roasted chicken or as elegant as beef Wellington, and everything in between.

Gift certificates are offered, and hours are Monday through Friday 8 to 7, Saturday 9 to 6, Sunday 10 to 3, with extended hours two weeks before Christmas.

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The elegant atmosphere of **The Gilded Lion** certainly reflects the treasures within. Its selection of fine art and antiques has drawn customers to its 4 Chambers Street location for many years. Quality is the key here, and proprietor Leo Arons knows his subject. He gladly assists customers with information and advice, and satisfaction is guaranteed.

There are many choices for holiday gift giving this year, and in a variety of price ranges. Smaller items, including the assortment of handsome bronze and silver commemorative medallions can start at $30. New Yorkers will want the special 1926 medallion commemorating the consolidation of the five boroughs into what we know as the Big Apple.

Lovely French enamel boxes in the $75 range date to the late 18th and early 19th century and are perfect for display on the dressing table or bureau. One features the monogram of Marie Antoinette.

The always outstanding selection of antique jewelry and estate pieces includes wonderful Victorian rings — a large amethyst in a pretty filigree setting, and another amethyst with an inlay of rose diamonds, both very special.

In addition, there is an assortment of small Victorian English mourning rings, which were worn in remembrance of the recently departed. Another interesting Victorian piece features black molded glass, mounted in gold, with Egyptian-style head, to be worn as a pin or pendant.

Also special is a beautifully made gold and red enamel bracelet designed for Tiffany by Schlumberger. Perfect for the holidays, as is the wonderful Art Deco black, silver and red enamel compact, featuring many little compartments inside.

The Gilded Lion is anticipating an exciting delivery, when a large selection of items from a 500-year-old shipwreck off the coast of Vietnam arrives in the store before Christmas. A variety of ceramic bowls, vases, and other pieces is expected, which will supplement the many other Oriental items, including Chinese ceramic and jade, at the store.

The Gilded Lion is also noted for its selection of fine

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"Boughs of Holly"

Customers know they can count on quality decorating and knowledgeable service at **Mazur's Nursery & Flower Market** on Baker's Basin Road in Lawrenceville and **Perna's Plant & Flowers Shop** at 180 Washington Road in West Windsor. This year, the two locations, under the same ownership, have a wonderful selection. Wreaths include balsam (eight sizes), Douglas fir, boxwood, mixed greens, and juniper, and are undecorated or custom-decorated.

Door swags and fresh roping are available in princess and white pine, boxwood, and cedar, and window sill sprays of evergreen with red velvet bows continue to be very popular. Fresh evergreen arrangements with or without candles are a traditional favorite for inside or outside, and bunches of fancy greens and holly are also offered.

Hearth baskets are a special addition near the front door or by the fireplace. Small 12- to 14-inch high boxwood tree arrangements, decorated with fruit and Victorian or traditional red velvet bows, are favorites now, too, as are patio pots of greens and bunched holly.

All the trimmings for do-it-yourself decorators are available, including pine cones, ribbon by the yard, and custom-made hand-tied bows. Mazur's also carries miniature tree lights, and the very popular icicle lights, as well as shrub lights.

Holiday plants are in abundance, with poinsettias in seven colors and five sizes, plus a selection of new variations, including the new winter rose poinsettia. Cyclamen, kalanchoes, Reiger begonias, and Norfolk Island pines are all popular for decorating or gift-giving.

An assortment of grave pieces includes sprays, pillows, and blankets, and Mazur's also has a selection of balsam and Fraser fir cut trees, and live blue spruce, Fraser and Douglas fir, as well as dwarf Alberta spruce, appropriate for table tops.

Perna's is a full-service florist, providing daily local and worldwide delivery, with Teleflora. It also offers fruit and gourmet baskets.

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furniture, including a handsome late 18th-century mahogany English breakfast table, which was once in Drumthwacket. A wonderful American cherry corner cabinet, dating to 1820, features curving shelves, and there is a very special pianoforte, made in Philadelphia in 1815, which can be restored to playing condition.

Other items include an early 19th-century French clock, with a gilt bronze statue of Napoleon, a German-made porcelain box in the Sevres style from the second half of the 19th century, and most interesting, a late Victorian American Decalcomania ball, featuring decals on the inside, which depict turn-of-the-century children.

A large collection of primarily American silver includes flatware, and tea and coffee services, and there is also a nice selection of cut crystal decanters, including the wide-based captain's decanter.

The Gilded Lion offers an excellent display of original art in oil, with a strong focus on American primitive style, especially from the first half of the 19th century. A pair of portraits by Ammi Phillips was featured in a recent exhibit at the Princeton University Art Museum. Other art includes works from the early 19th century up to 1940, with landscapes, seascapes, and still life all on display.

The Gilded Lion is open Monday through Saturday 11 to 6, and by appointment. Extended hours nearer Christmas.

For gifts with a truly personal touch, **Potter's Alley** at 23 West Delaware Avenue in Pennington, is the place to go. This paint-your-own pottery studio invites people of all ages and levels of skill to be creative, designing and decorating such objects as platters, teapots, vases, candlesticks, cookie jars, flower pots and pet bowls — just some of the more than 200 items available, including two lines of dinnerware.

It's a great way to be productive and have a lot of fun, and there is still time to make something for the holidays. The inviting studio is open daily, with instructors to help with every step. Five days is a typical time period from beginning the work to receiving the finished product. Everything can be customized with names, drawings, special designs, favorite things — whatever you can think of!

Potter's Alley also has a wide selection of pieces for sale, already painted and glazed by artists-in-residence. These include many serving pieces decorated in contemporary and colorful designs, including platters, pitchers, bowls, vases, and wonderful pottery trays. Pieces range from $25 to about $75, and there are many very attractive items available. Finished pieces are food-, microwave-, and dishwasher-safe.

Popular items for decoration are lamps, picture frames, switch plates, pitchers, tiles, and drawer pulls, all of which can be painted with various techniques, such as brush or sponge painting.

The pieces are professional-quality pottery bisque, mostly from Italy, and customers enjoy trying all the different techniques. All equipment is supplied, and idea books and stencils are available. Costs include the price of the items and the studio fee, with many items under $10.

Adult workshops are held monthly to demonstrate new products and techniques, and the store also hosts pottery-painting parties for children and adults, which are very popular.

Gift certificates, either for classes or merchandise, are available, and studio and store hours are Monday through Thursday 10 to 8, Friday until 9. Saturday until 78, Sunday 12 to 6.

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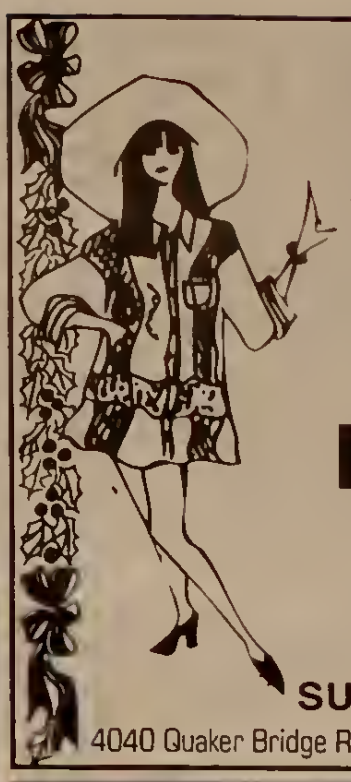
SLEEK STYLES: Anne Zuckerman, owner of Edith's lingerie shop, is shown with a sensational red metallic camisole and black bikini. The camisole is a glamorous look with black party pants or long skirt. The shop's selection of other camisoles includes many styles worn as blouses.



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Ellsworth's Wine & Liquors, in the Ellsworth Center on the Princeton-Hightstown Road in Princeton Junction, is a United Nations of wine and food! The 12,000-square foot store has the largest wine and liquor section in the area, with wines from all over the world, including Australia, South Africa, Chile, Argentina, Spain, France, Germany, and New Zealand.

Ellsworth's also represents more than 300 different California vineyards, with prices ranging from $6 to $150 — the cost of the fabulous Opus One from Baron Philippe de Rothschild, made famous in a recent New Yorker magazine story.

Popular holiday wines are Bogle Merlot at $10.99, and Ravenswood Zinfandel, $9.99, owner Sean Ellsworth's personal recommendation to go with turkey.

"For every wine region, we offer hundreds of wines," he points out, "and we are always available to help you make your selection."

There is also a large collection of single malt whiskeys and XO French cognacs, including Leopold Gourmel Quintessence for $325 — very special indeed!

For those with champagne tastes but beer budgets, extra-large bottles of Belgian beer, with champagne-style cork stoppers, start at $6.99, and are great for parties. There are more than 60 imported beers, plus beer from 30 to 40 American micro-breweries.

"We carry as many small breweries as possible," says Mr. Ellsworth. "Their beers are new, different, and deserve a wide audience."

The display of international gourmet goodies will tempt your taste buds for sure. Who can resist genuine plum puddings from England and Scottish shortbread in a handsome tartan tin depicting Bonnie Prince Charlie at $13.99?

The list continues: Temeraire Dijon mustards from France, $3 and up, Christmas stolen from Oebel of Germany for $5.19, many flavored chocolates by Droste from Holland (a favorite is the hexagonal box of orange bittersweet chocolates), and Italian biscotti in several flavors, from $7.99.

Macadamia nuts from Hawaii are $6.85, and other edible treats are Jacobs Cream Crackers (the one and only!) and the peerless Godiva chocolates and coffee.

Cheeses also come from all over — Welsh Caerphilly, French Doux de Montagne, the delicious Cambozola (triple creme and blue cheese), and English Stilton. Pates and mousses are in the $10 per pound range.

For private and corporate parties, Ellsworth's will supply charcuterie, cheese, and crudite trays, with appropriate wines or beers as requested. Delivery is free in the area, and there is ample parking at the store.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are available, and hours are 9 to 9 Monday through Saturday, Sunday 12 to 5.

More and more often, people are turning to caterers to help handle the food and serving at holiday parties and events. That is just fine with **Chambers Walk**, the full-service catering business currently at 52 Liberty Street in Trenton, but soon to move to a new Main Street location in Lawrenceville.

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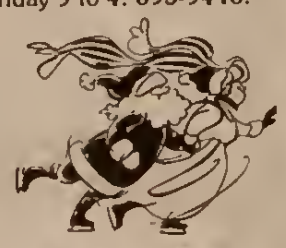

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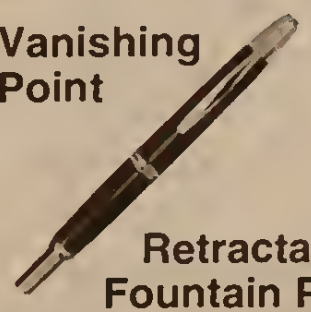

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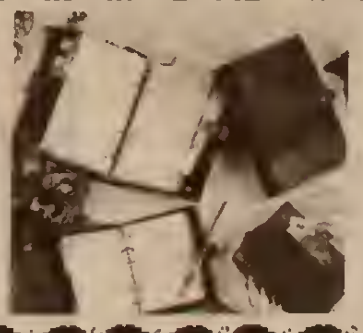

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The Perfect Gift at 246 Nassau Street is certainly a store well named! It is full of gifts for all occasions that are sure to please. Holiday items include tapestry footstools, whimsical pillows, Santas, hand-blown ornaments, and the charming tabletop accessories that this store is known for.

A variety of items from England include Pimpernel heatproof table mats, trivets, and casserole stands in lovely designs of fruit and flowers, in the $25 range. Printed paper buffet napkins and guest towels are beautifully colored in floral and holiday designs, and attractive flatware sets have pearl-like handles of cream, blue, or green, with silverplate accents, from $38.

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Shaffer-Guilbert. Jennifer Lih Guilbert, daughter of Linda and Ronald Guilbert, Montclair, to Andrew Evans Shaffer, son of Susan and Donald Shaffer, Skillman; on May 13, at Union Congregational Church, Upper Montclair, the Rev. William Worley officiating.

The bride is a graduate of William Smith College, Geneva, N.Y., where she majored in French. She is employed at La Roche-Posay, a division of L'Oreal USA, in New York City.

Mr. Shaffer graduated from Princeton Day School. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., and an M.B.A. degree from Rutgers University-Newark. He is employed at Mercedes -Benz USA, a subsidiary of Daimler Chrysler AG, Montvale.

Jennifer Guilbert and Andrew Shaffer

The couple resides in Verona.

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The **Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area** and Allan C. Hill Productions will present "Little Red Riding Hood," a holiday children's play, on December 15, at 5:30 and 7:30, at the John Witherspoon School.

For ticket information, call 683-7535.

The **Princeton Singles**, a non-profit group for ages 55-plus, will meet for breakfast on Friday, December 15, at 9, at Friendly's, Routes 518 and 206, Montgomery. The only fee is the cost of the meal.

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Take the "Castle Tour" on Sunday, December 10, from 1 to 4, and benefit the **Historical Society of West Windsor** in its restoration of the 1790-1830 Schenck House, for a future headquarters. The Castle is located on Tamarack Farm, 96 Bear Brook Road, Princeton Junction.

All three floors of the 26-room house will be fully decorated for Christmas. Decorations will include 17 Christmas trees, decorated in differing styles, ranging in size from the six-inch miniature tree in the four-story dollhouse to a two-story tree in the Great Hall.

The Society's mannequins will hold a Victorian tea party in the Tower Dining Room; and Santa Claus will be on hand to greet visitors to his workshop. A room-size train layout will be set up in the Annex; and the gift shop will be open.

Tour participants will be free to set their own pace, following a Guide Sheet. Room guides will be present in each room to answer questions; and refreshments will be served.

Tickets will be $6 at the door; $4, for senior citizens (age 60-plus), Society members, and students, 6-18; and $6, for children under 6.

The **D&R Canal Watch** will sponsor a four-mile canal walk in Trenton — from Cadwalader Park to the Summit and back — on Sunday, December 10, at 9. Erik Jetzt and Bill Valocchi, Canal Watch trustees and City of Trenton employees, will lead a leisurely walk along the feeder canal through the city.

Beginning in Cadwalader Park, the group will travel through wooded countryside to Hermitage Avenue. Canal structures that may be of interest will include the Parkside Avenue aqueduct, three original canal houses, and the waste gates and channel at Perdicaris Place. The State House dome will be visible at several points.

After inspecting the junction where the feeder once joined the main canal, participants will turn back. On the return trip, the route will leave the canal at Willow Street and follow the bicycle path on the railroad right of way, rejoining the towpath at the railroad bridge just downstream of Hermitage Avenue.

The group will meet on the inner loop in front of the Trenton City Museum in Ellarslie Mansion. For more information, call 394-2499.

John Niemiera, an expert bamboo rod builder, will speak at the next meeting of the **Ernest Schwiebert Trout Unlimited Chapter**, on Monday, December 11, at 7. The meeting will take place at the Back Stage, in the Village of Pennytown Center, Route 31, just north of Pennington.

Mr. Niemiera 's presentation will concern the art of bamboo rod-building, and will include a discussion of updated techniques.

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The Society of Musical Amateurs Plan 'Christmas Oratorio' Reading

Michael Kemp, conductor and musical director at the Abbington (Pa.) Presbyterian Church, will lead the Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs in an informal reading of Johann Sebastian Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* on Sunday, December 10, at 4 in the Unitarian Church of Princeton on Route 206 at Cherry Hill Road.

This work, a favorite of the Society, is comprised of six Cantatas filled with lovely vocal/instrumental arias, choruses and chorales. This year the group will sing Cantatas 1, 2, and 3. Light seasonal refreshment will be served during the halfway break.

Soloists will be Mellissa Hughes, soprano, Nora Sirbaugh, alto, Jack Zamboni, tenor and Franklin Phillips, bass. A chamber orchestra will provide the accompaniment. No audition is required for anyone wishing to sing in the chorus, but orchestra members play by invitation.

Anyone who enjoys choral singing is welcome to join the chorus on a one-time basis for a $5 admission fee or to join as a member for the season for $25 ($35 for couples). The admission fee includes refreshments and the use of a choral score. Students, non-participants and invited orchestra players are admitted free of charge.

Piano Jay Cho To Offer Recital At Miller Chapel

Pianist Jay H. Cho will perform an inaugural recital on the new Steinway grand piano in Miller Chapel at Princeton Theological Seminary on Saturday, December 9 at 8 p.m.

The piano is a gift of Dr. Sun Hee Kwak, pastor of So-Mang Presbyterian Church in Seoul, Korea, and his congregation of 35,000 members. Dr. Kwak received his Master of Theology degree from Princeton Seminary in 1965 and was named Distinguished Alumnus in 1996. He made the gift to celebrate the recent renovation of Miller Chapel.

Mr. Cho, a 29-year-old pianist, began his studies at the age of 5 in his native Korea. He came to the United States in 1987 and graduated from The Juilliard School in New York City with Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees. He is active as a soloist and a chamber musician, and his technique was cited recently by the New York Times as "splendidly clear, unaffected, fluent, and resolute."

Since making his debut in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall in 1993 as the winner of the Pro Piano New York Recital Series Auditions, he has performed as a soloist with the New Jersey Symphony, the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra of Texas, the Lautus Chamber Orchestra of New York, and the Art Chamber Orchestra of Korea, among others.

He won first prize in the

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Maria Canals International Piano Competition in Spain in 1989 and was a semi-finalist in the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1998.

Mr. Cho will perform J.S. Bach's Italian Concerto in F Major, BWV 971; Beethoven's Sonata no. 26 in E-flat Major, op. 81A; Chopin's Ballade no. 4 in F Minor, op. 52; Ravel's *Jeux d'Eau*; Liszt's Mephisto Waltz no. 1; and art songs sung by Bonnie Draina, a voice instructor at the seminary.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Chamber Players Shine in Sunday Concert Of English Works From Early 20th Century

There is a tremendous amount of symphonic music in Princeton. With the recent expansion of the Chamber Symphony of Princeton into the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, combined with the New Jersey Symphony, combined with the choral/orchestral works performed by Princeton Pro Musica, one can hear massive musical works at almost any time. What one does not hear often are the smaller, four- to five-member ensemble works addressed by the Richardson Chamber Players. Co-directed by Michael Pratt and Nathan Randall, the Richardson Chamber Players got off to a late start this season, presenting their first concert of the year on Sunday afternoon in Richardson Auditorium. The program, planned by Nathan Randall, focused on the period in English music history between the turn of the century and the Second World War.

As described by Mr. Randall in his program notes, this period of "Edwardiana" was one in which "things past [were] recollected with a warmth tinged with foreboding." The *Titonic* had sunk, reminding all that they were not as invincible as they thought through technology, and the towering composers of English music would soon have their patriotic mettle tested by two World Wars. English music was ruled by Benjamin Britten, Gustav Holst, Frederick Delius, and Ralph Vaughan Williams, and these were the composers, along with Scottish composer Thea Musgrave, on which Mr. Randall chose to focus with this small ensemble of excellent players.

Talented Students

Richardson Chamber Players is comprised of professional musicians who teach instrumental or vocal music at Princeton University. For Sunday afternoon's concert, a few talented students joined their teachers, and Mr. Randall borrowed tenor Frederick Urrey from Rutgers University to fill in for David Kellet. The students were equally as exceptional as the faculty and these artists collectively presented some of the most challenging and intriguing works of the chamber repertory.

Phantasy for Oboe, Violin, Viola, and Violoncello, composed in 1932, featured oboist Matt Sullivan, although the supporting cast of violinist Anna Lim, violist Jonathan Vinocour, and cellist Amy Levine were precise and exact in contrasting the hauntingly melodic and disjunct nature of this work. Mr. Sullivan's swells in dynamics contrasted well against the *pizzicotti* of the strings, and the players set the tone for the afternoon's Edwardian theme.

Mr. Sullivan returned for the *Terzetto for Flute, Oboe ond Violo*, composed in 1925, joined by flutist Jayn Rosenfeld and violist Ryo Sasaki, who was a guest performer on the concert. The piece began with the flute and oboe answering each other, but then all instruments went their separate ways. Mr. Sasaki's clock-like *pizzicotti* provided a solid background for the flute and oboe, which were in different meters at times (all instruments were in different key signatures at the beginning of the piece). The ensemble of instruments moved together well through the *rubati* and *accellerandi*, and came together at the end of the second movement for a very delicate conclusion to the piece.

Frederick Delius' *Intermezzo from Fennimore ond Gerdo* is from a 1910 opera that never seemed to get off the ground. Eric Fenby, and subsequently Robert Threlfall, extracted instrumental sections from the failed opera to create a chamber orchestral work. Ms. Rosenfeld, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Sasaki, Ms. Levine, and violinists Anna Lim and Sean-Avram Carpenter found a very pastoral texture with interwoven melodies in the work, especially when the flute and oboe played together. Ms. Rosenfeld seemed to be leading the ensemble, but all players supported one another well in this piece in which no one player was a soloist, but all were integral to the musical fabric.

"Digital Delay"

Jayn Rosenfeld ventured into the latter half of the 20th century with the intriguing *Norcissus for Solo Flute ond Digitol Deloy*, composed in 1988 by Thea Musgrave. The work is constructed so that the flutist plays, recording segments into a tape recorder and playing them back later in the piece, hence the "Digital Delay." Unfortunately, Ms. Rosenfeld was beset by technological problems, and the tape recorder refused to cooperate. Hopefully, the Chamber Players will reprogram this work at a later date.

To many, Vaughan Williams is English music of the 20th century. Ms. Lim, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Sasaki, and Ms. Levine were joined by tenor Frederick Urrey and pianist Elizabeth De Felice for Vaughan Williams' *On Wenlock Edge*, composed in 1909 on the poetry of Alfred Edward Housman. As described by Mr. Randall, "the poems are dark, common themes include the beauty (but indifference) of Nature, untimely death and the consequent evanescent nature of love and friendship." Vaughan Williams explored untimely death in several of his works, including the *Wor Requiem* and *Dono Nobis Pocem*. The same stark chords reappear in *On Wenlock Edge*, with stark orchestral colors and a refreshing impressionistic palette.

Mr. Urrey had the perfect vocal quality for these pieces to match the stark nature of the poetry and the orchestration. His diction was impeccable and he executed the exact and precise vocal attacks needed in this music. A recurring musical theme was the motive of bells, sometimes played by the piano, sometimes by the strings, and it was the bells in the strings that withered away to nothing at the end of the song cycle.

"They clearly demonstrate the highest standards in chamber performance."

A good crowd turned out for this performance on a cold Sunday afternoon, and although the Richardson Chamber Players do not perform as frequently as do other Princeton musical ensembles, they clearly demonstrate the highest standards in chamber performance.

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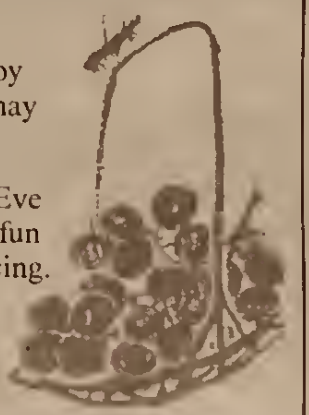

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A special feature will be the American premiere of *Rama*, a piece for bagpipe and orchestra by Italian composer Piero Niro. The soloist on the Italian bagpipe, known as the Zampogna, will be Piero Ricci of Scapoli, Isernia, Italy.

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Sacks Prize Recital Due In Taplin Auditorium

On Sunday afternoon, December 10, at 3, the Department of Music and Friends of Music at Princeton will sponsor a free concert at Taplin Auditorium by bassist Michael Bullock and duo-electronics performers Howard Stelzer and Jason Talbot.

Mr. Bullock was the 1996 winner of the Department's Isidore and Helen Sacks Memorial Prize, given annually by vote of the faculty to the outstanding performer of the graduating class. The program will consist entirely of improvisations.

Michael Bullock is one of the busiest musicians in Boston's burgeoning improvisation scene. He has performed with Eddie Prevost, Peter Kowald, Jack Wright, Joe Maneri, and Daniel Carter, as well as with renowned actor Theodore Bikel.

While at Princeton, Mr. Bullock was an active performer in both the University Orchestra and University Jazz Ensembles. He was a music major, and took part in the Certificate Program in Musical Performance.

The duo of Howard Stelzer and Jason Talbot is an integral part of the electro-acoustic, free-improvised musical community of Boston. Mr. Talbot, a student at the Massachusetts College of Art, plays a single turntable and a mixer. Mr. Stelzer performs using a series of standard cassette decks and tapes, manipulating the motors and gears manually to create a percussive counter to Mr. Talbot's organic noises.

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Choral Scholars Set Concert at All Saints'

The Choral Scholars, a young, professional ensemble, will present a Christmas concert on December 10 at 8 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church.

The program will include medieval chants and carols, German chorales and music of Spain and 20th-century Great Britain. Featured will be compositions of Vittoria, J.S. Bach, Howells, Warlock, and others.

Founded in 1998 by artistic director Geoffrey Williams and led by conductor Curtis Kinzey, the Scholars share a strong passion for the art of unaccompanied singing. Their primary focus is on the study and performance of works from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, with a desire to explore the ties between these works and present-day compositions.

The Scholars could be heard with Fuma Sacra at the Westminster Bach Festival 2000 this summer in a presentation of Bach's "St. Matthew Passion," led by conductor Andrew Megill. They also recently completed their first CD recording, *The Sounds of Christmos: Post and Present*, available for sale at the December concert.

The members of Choral Scholars are all students or graduates of Westminster Choir College. The group is available for bookings for concerts, workshops, Evensongs, and other engagements.

Holiday Concert Planned By Princeton Girlchoir

The Princeton Girlchoir will present a Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 10, at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of Morris Hall, One Bishops' Drive, off Lawrenceville-Pennington Road, Lawrenceville.

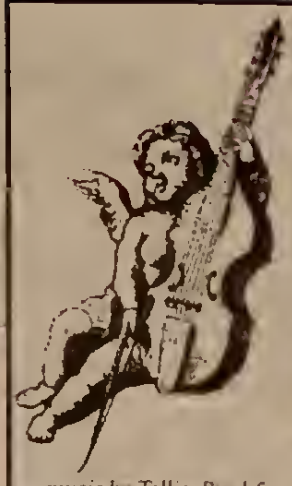
Chosen annually through competitive audition, the senior Girlchoir is made up of 72 girls in grades seven to nine from 16 area communities, Philadelphia and New York City. The Sunday concert is a benefit sponsored by the Morris Hall/St. Lawrence Community Service Board.

Tickets for the performance, which include a wine tasting reception afterwards, are $35 and may be ordered by calling Margie Shoaf at 497-0493.

The program will range from traditional seasonal music and Christmas Carols to popular and classical standards by Bach, Mendelssohn, and Elgar.

Founded in 1989, the Girlchoir has performed at Avery Fisher Hall in New York City with the American Boychoir; the Vatican; and the Duomo in Florence, Italy.

Upcoming performances include a Winter Concert at Richardson Auditorium, Princeton, on January 27; "Double Date" with the American Boychoir at St. Ann's Church, Lawrenceville, on April 29; the Semi-Tones with Pro Musica at Richardson Auditorium on May 11; and a Spring Concert at the Kirby Arts Center of Lawrenceville School, on May 29.



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Menotti Opera Will Be Highlight Of Curtain Calls

The Arts Council of Princeton is once again preparing for its annual downtown New Year's Eve event, Curtain Calls. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Barbara Sigmund, one of the initiators of Princeton's Curtain Calls.

Mayor Sigmund's conception of this strolling, informal, nonalcoholic event was to involve the whole community on this special night and, as she often said, to "let the good times roll."

In her honor, the Arts Council hopes to carry on her enthusiasm and bring back the community aspect of Curtain Calls by involving as many local organizations and performers as possible. Toward this end, the Arts Council is concentrating on making Curtain Calls a more family-oriented event.

Featured on New Year's Eve will be events and performances that will appeal to a wide range of age groups and interests, from young children through adults. The centerpiece event will be two performances of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (at 5:30 and 8 p.m.) produced by Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Amahl and the Night Visitors, Gian Carlo Menotti's opera first staged in 1951, revolves around a crippled boy and his widowed mother, who are visited one night by three kings in need of a resting place on their long journey.

Destitute, the mother nonetheless welcomes them to her home, enlisting the aid of her neighbors to feed the kings and provide them entertainment. Amahl and his mother soon learn that the kings are traveling with an unusual star as their guide, searching for a child as yet unknown to them.

Local Performers

Nassau Church's production is unique in that all the featured performers, the individuals managing the production, and the four members of the orchestra, grew up in the Princeton area and were active in the many programs of the church in their childhood and youth. The chorus of shepherds and dancers is composed largely of members of the church's current high school choir, joined by choir alumni.

Sue Ellen Page, Director of Choirs for Children and Youth since 1982, notes that "Princeton in general, and the Nassau Church in particular, have been at the core of the lives of these very fine young artists. We wanted to find a way to celebrate their gifts in the arts and share them with the wider community — their hometown.

"We also look forward to opening up our building to the community on New Year's Eve, to be a place where people can drop in, warm up, have a cup of cider, find activities for children, and chat with and greet friends and neighbors. Our location in the heart of Princeton perhaps uniquely suits us to take on this role and we are enthusiastic about the prospect."

Ms. Page has trained numerous "Amahls," including three for productions at Westminster Choir College. The Curtain Calls production will be fully staged and costumed, with an orchestra of professional players conducted by Ms. Page.

The opera, which ranges in mood from quiet and intense to boisterous and comical to mystical and miraculous, is suitable for children in early elementary grades and older, but not for preschoolers or toddlers.

The stage director and choreographer for *Amahl and the Night Visitors* is Ranjit Arapurakal, who graduated this past May from Rutgers University. A 1996 graduate of Princeton High School, Mr. Arapurakal sang the leading role of Amahl as a sixth grader in the Westminster Choir College Opera Theater production. In addition to his stage direction, he will also play the role of the page to the Three Kings.

Currently, Mr. Arapurakal composes, sings, and plays keyboard in the New Brunswick-based band Barbuda. He is the writer, musical director, and percussionist for "Dreamtime," a dance/theater piece for all ages, and is the percussionist for the Dance Department, Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers.

Amahl Is Double Cast

The role of Amahl will be double cast. Elliot Creager, a fifth grader at Community Park School and a member of the Nassau Church choir program since age 4, will appear in one of the performances, and Matt Goss, a seventh grade student and veteran of two choirs of Nassau Church, will appear in the second performance.

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'Night Before Christmas' Due at Kelsey Theatre

'Twas the Night Before Christmas returns to Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre this holiday season for six performances. Presented by the Kelsey Players and directed by Dan Spalluto, show times are Friday, December 15 at 7; Saturday, December 16 at 11, 2 and 4; and Sunday, December 17 at 2 and 4. Kelsey Theater is located on the college's West Windsor Campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

Now in its sixth year at Kelsey, the show brings to life the magic of Clement Moore's beloved poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas. In keeping with the holiday spirit, the audience will be invited to join in caroling before the show.

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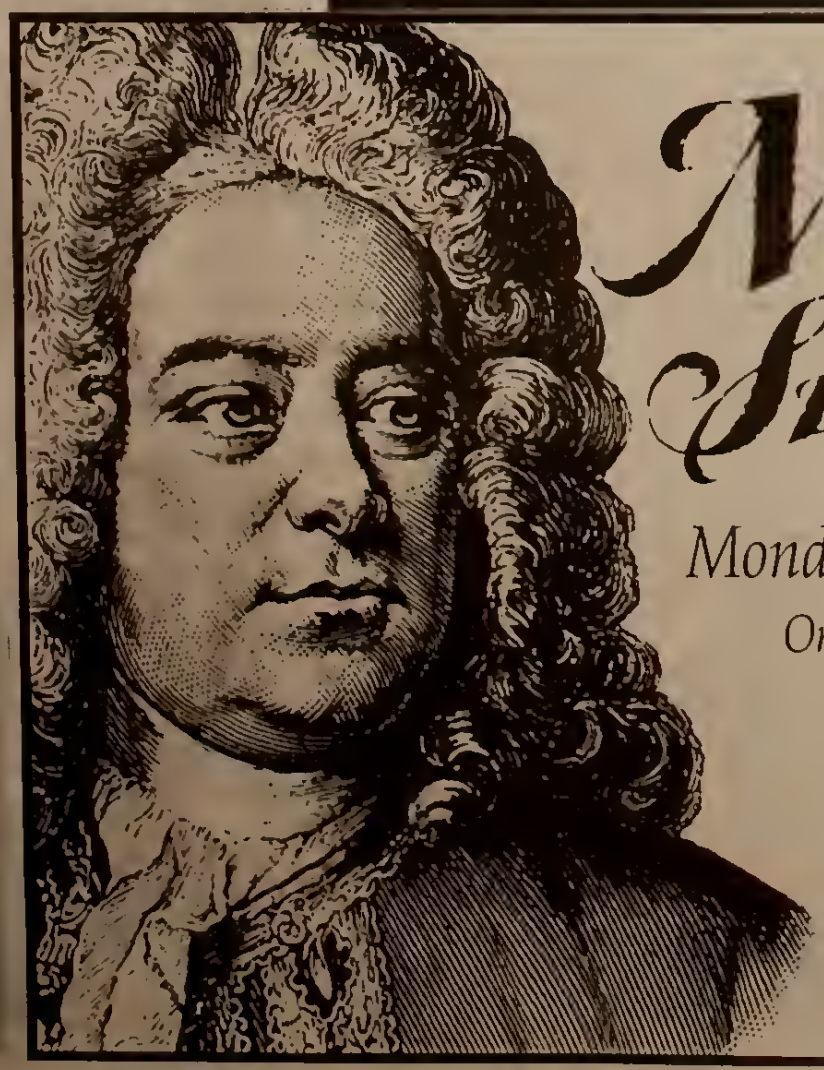

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Music/Theatres

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Amanda Johnson will sing the role of the Mother. During her years at Princeton High School, Ms. Johnson was a member of the PHS Choir and the director of The Cat 's Meow female vocal ensemble. She graduated this past May from St. Olaf College in Minnesota, where she was a voice principal and for two years the soprano section leader of the world famous St. Olaf Choir.

The roles of the Three Kings will be sung by Princeton area natives Matthew Gaventa, Carl Goss, and Craig O'Donnell, all veterans of musical productions and choirs in their respective high schools and universities. The orchestra will have at its core four string players — May Chiang, Sarah D'Angelo, Zachary Sweet, and Jessica Wyatt — all of whom have participated in music programs at Nassau Church.

Working on the production end of the opera are Princeton area high school graduates Annie Farrell, Karen Johnson, Joan Kisthardt, and Janie Woodbridge.

Along with Nassau Presbyterian Church, which has offered several rooms within the church as venues, Princeton University is again opening some of its buildings on New Year's Eve, even though the university is on break. The Arts Council is still in need of other organizations in downtown Princeton to host performances at their sites and will train site managers to ensure that each site is properly managed and supervised on New Year's Eve.

The Arts Council is also urgently seeking financial sponsors, volunteers, and performers for Curtain Calls. Organizations and individuals who would like to be a part of their community on this special night and, in so doing, help the Arts Council honor Mayor Sigmund's vision and imagination, can contact the Arts Council for details at 924-8777.

"Charlotte's Web" Audition in Pennington

The Pennington Players will hold auditions for *Charlotte's Web* on December 9 and 10. Auditions are by appointment only. Call 737-PLAY to schedule an appointment.

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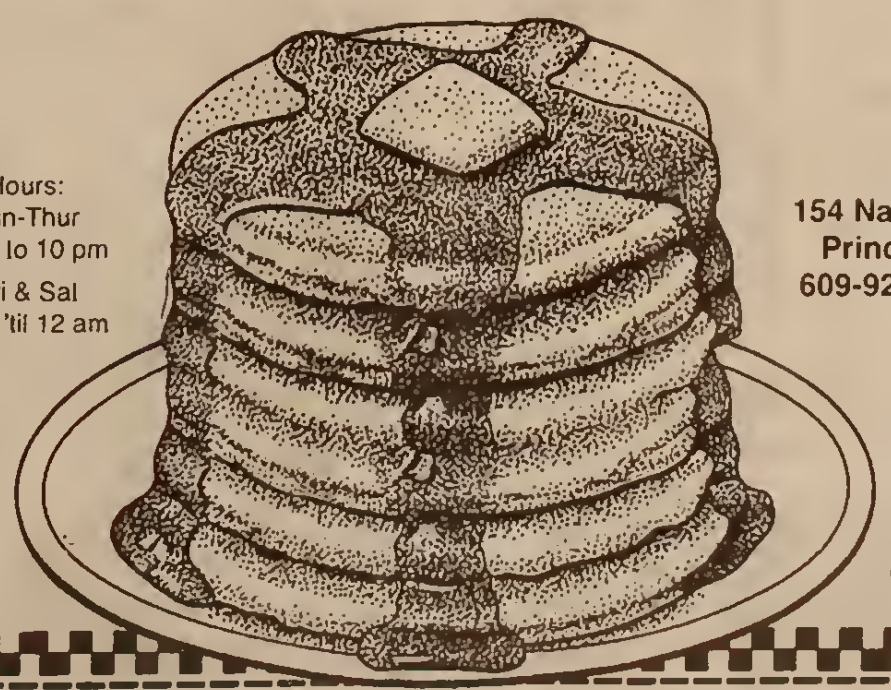

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SPORTS

Tiger Hockey Having Trouble Beating Top Teams In ECAC; Union, RPI Will Play Here This Weekend

It's still early in a long season, but the Princeton hockey team is discovering it is coming up short in games against the better teams in the ECAC.

A couple of weeks ago on the road, the Tigers whipped Dartmouth one night, but fell to undefeated (in league play) Vermont, the next. Last weekend, the Orange and Black outscored a struggling Colgate sextet, 7-4, but 24 hours later couldn't muster a single goal in a 3-0 loss to Cornell in Lynah Rink.

That triumph knocked Princeton out of first place (a spot it had held only since the end of the Colgate contest), and lifted the Big Red into a tie for the top spot with Harvard. The Tigers, by virtue of having played more games than anyone else except Yale, are tied with Vermont for third. However the Catamounts record is 4-0-0, while Old Nassau's is a mere 3-3-2.

The good news is the losses to Vermont and Cornell were on the road, and Princeton will get a crack at them on its own ice. Both will come calling in February.

TWO FOR CAMPBELL: Shane Campbell scored twice for the Tigers in their 7-4 win over Colgate.

Home ice is what the Tigers will have this weekend for its final pair of ECAC contests before the Christmas break. Union will show up Friday night, and its traveling partner, RPI, 24 hours later. Opening face-off for both is 7. The Skating Dutchmen, who struggled through a losing season last winter, have gotten off to a fast start. Overall Union has lost just once in nine starts (6-1-2), and is undefeated, 3-0-1, in league action. The tie came against RPI last Friday on the road, 2-2.

The Engineers have done almost as well overall with a 6-3-1 mark, but are just 1-2-1 in ECAC play, losing to Union and Cornell, and beating Colgate. The non-league wins have mostly come at the expense of lower echelon teams with the exception of a 5-4 triumph over Boston University.

Last year Princeton did the opposite of what you might expect against these two. It was beaten by both Union and RPI at home in early January, but six weeks later knocked off both on the road.

If weekend splits are generally regarded as a satisfactory performance on the road, this weekend is the time for the Tigers to step up, take two at home, and grab four points instead of just two. They are smack on the .500 mark and playing that way for the rest of the season will not put them very high in the ECAC standings when playoff assignments are handed out in March.

A Night for the Offense

Friday night in Hamilton, it was a night for the offense, with the Tigers scoring seven times, their most goals since a 7-3 win over Dartmouth in February 1999. Leading the way was the Big Four — Parsons, Campbell, Lamb and Corrinet — who produced five goals and three assists. In a sense this was a must win for Princeton, because Colgate (2-9-2) had won just twice in 13 outings overall, and was 1-4 in ECAC action.

Despite the three-goal advantage at the end, the Orange

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ECAC HOCKEY

Friday, December 1
Princeton 7 Colgate 4
Brown 3 Clarkson 3 (OT)
Cornell 4 Yale 3
St. Lawrence 6 Harvard 3
Union 2 RPI 2 (OT)

Saturday, December 2
Cornell 3 Princeton 0
Brown 3 St. Lawrence 3 (OT)
Colgate 6 Yale 2
Harvard 3 Clarkson 1
RPI 6 Quinnipiac 3
Vermont 10 Holy Cross 2

	ECAC				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T
Cornell	4	1	1	9	5	3	2
Harvard	4	2	1	9	5	3	1
Vermont	4	1	0	8	6	4	0
Princeton	3	3	2	8	4	3	3
Union	3	0	1	7	6	1	2
St. Lawrence	2	1	2	6	3	5	3
Yale	3	5	0	6	5	5	0
Clarkson	1	2	2	4	4	4	3
Colgate	2	4	0	4	3	9	2
Rensselaer	1	2	1	3	6	3	1
Dartmouth	1	3	0	2	2	5	0
Brown	0	5	2	2	1	6	2

Thursday, December 7
Brown at Harvard

Friday, December 8
Union at Princeton
RPI at Yale
St. Lawrence at Michigan

Saturday, December 9
RPI at Princeton
Colgate at UMass-Lowell
Harvard at Vermont
Northeastern at Dartmouth
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Tiger Hockey

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and Black had to play catch-up for almost all the first two periods, before taking the lead for good late in the second. Colgate's opening tally almost six minutes into the game was answered a little over a minute later when David Schneider tallied, assisted by Lamb.

The Raiders popped in front again midway through the first, but Campbell's unassisted tally, his first of two, at 15:36 brought Old Nassau even again. In the second the Raiders moved two goals in front, scoring at 6:46 and 8:40. The second came with Princeton a man down, after a flurry of penalties at 8:17 took both Campbell and Schneider off the ice, along with one Colgate skater.

However the momentum began to turn in the Tigers' favor shortly after both teams returned to full strength. Ethan Doyle's tally, assisted by George Parros and Josh Roberts, brought the Orange and Black within one at 9:39 and less than a minute later Campbell's second tied the score at 4-4.

Later in the middle stanza, Princeton survived two more penalties to Dave Bennett for tripping, but cashed in a power play opportunity at 14:54 to take the lead for the first time. Parsons tallied, assisted by Corrinet and freshman defenseman Steve Slaton.

The third period belonged to Princeton and Corrinet. Enjoying a 10 to six edge in shots, the Orange and Black got a pair of goals from the senior forward, the first at 6:57, assisted by Roberts, the second at 16:05, with freshman forward Thomas Colclough, assisting.

Nomeland got better as the game went on. He allowed two tallies on six shots in the first period, two more goals in the second, but this time on 14 shots, and shut out the home team in the third with 10 saves, for a total of 26. Princeton had just 26 shots on goal, and with seven goals, that says something about Colgate's goalies. Jason Lefevre was pulled in the third after allowing six. David Cann came on and let in the final tally.

Good Defense Stops Good Offense

Saturday night in Ithaca, something had to give. Princeton came in with the league's best offense and faced Cornell, sporting the best defense. After 60 minutes of play, the verdict was clear cut; the defense prevailed. The Tigers were held to just 20 shots, and only 10 of those came in the first two periods. The Big Red shut down the Parsons-Campbell-Lamb line completely.

The first period was scoreless, and without a single penalty to either side, but the momentum was clearly with the home team to the delight of Lynah's frenzied fans. Cornell outshot Princeton, 11 to four.

The second period was much the same for the first half — no penalties, no scoring. The Big Red finally was whistled for the game's first penalty at the 11:05 mark, but the Tigers' power play failed to take advantage. Three minutes later Ethan Doyle was sent off for high sticking, and it took the Big Red just 23 seconds to score on its power play.

AND TWO FOR CORRINET: Chris Corrinet also tallied twice in that game, and now has 13 points for the season.

When the Big Red made it 2-0 just 1:24 into the final period, Princeton knew it had to get something going and began to open up on offense. The Orange and Black's golden opportunity came a couple of minutes later when the Big Red was hit with two minor penalties within 20 seconds. That gave the Tigers a two-man advantage, but they could not come up with anything.

Midway through the period, Josh Roberts was guilty of interference, and Cornell again showed the Tigers how to handle a man advantage, again taking less than a minute to score its third and final goal. Cornell was two of three on man up situations, while the Tigers failed on all three attempts.

Dave Stathos faced 31 shots, and turned away 28, but the star of the game was Big Red goalie Ian Burt, who recorded his first career shutout. This marked the first time Princeton had been blanked since a 3-0 loss to Northeastern in November 1999.

—Jeb Stuart

SLAPSHOTS: It didn't help Princeton's couse ony at Ithaca that it wos missing sophomore defensemon Neil McConn for the whole game, and another defensemon, Dove Schneider, for the final two periods. That left onother freshman defenseman, Steve Sloton, on the ice for ot least 40 minutes. McConn is expected to be back for the gomes this weekend, Schneider's stotus is questionoble.

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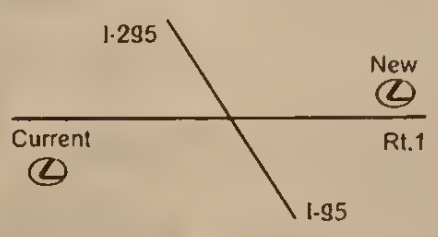

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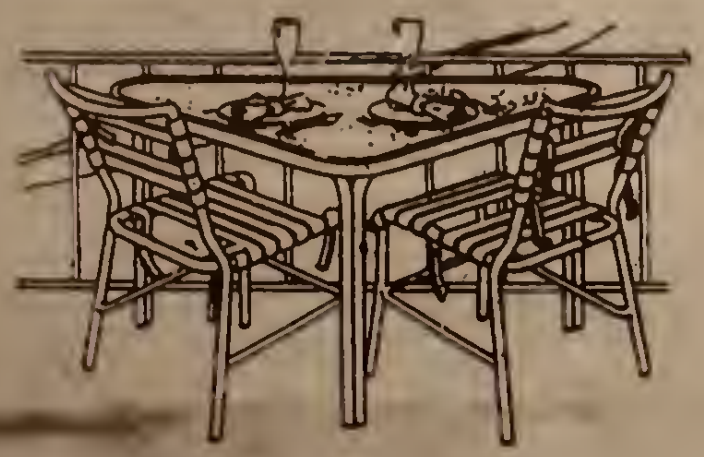

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Young PU Squad Stuns Weber, Ball State; Tigers Win First Merchants Bank Classic

Princeton University men's basketball head coach John Thompson III and his young squad were in desperate need of a win before last weekend's First Merchants Bank Classic in Muncie, Indiana. The team needed confidence, something to build on, especially after losing 70-59 to Monmouth on November 25.

The Tigers came together, pulled out a 65-60 overtime thriller against Weber State Friday evening, and then clipped the host team Ball State 49-47 Saturday night to win the tournament. Thompson's team just needed a victory, but instead won its first tournament title since the Rainbow Classic in 1998.

Saturday night's championship game was a see-saw affair. The lead changed hands more times than George Bush and Al Gore's lead in the presidential election.

Ball State took a 20-18 halftime lead, and then increased it to 28-20 with an 8-0 run early in the second half. Princeton then went on a 17-4 run, and led 37-32 after 6'7 forward Andre Logan scored on a layup with 10:45 remaining. Ball State regained control with a 45-41 lead and just under five minutes left in regulation.

Tigers' senior center Nate Walton cut the lead to 45-43 with a layup seconds later. Senior guard C.J. Chapman nailed a three-pointer to give the Tigers a 46-45 lead with 3:35 left, and Walton took a perfect back-door pass from sophomore guard Kyle Wente, and was fouled as he scored 2:48 remaining. He converted the free throw, and Princeton led 49-45.

Two Free Throws

Six foot 8" sophomore forward Theron Smith, the tournament's most valuable player, sank two free throws with just over two minutes left, and pulled the Cardinals to within two at 49-47. Chapman and Logan missed the front-end of one-and ones with 33 seconds left, giving Ball State new life.

Junior forward Josh Murray was fouled with 11 seconds left, and had a chance to tie the score with two shots from the charity stripe. Thompson and his coaching staff knew exactly who to foul, because Murray was shooting 40% from the free throw line before the potential game tying shots.

His average went down after he missed both free throws. Smith grabbed the rebound, and had an opportunity to tie the game with a shot at the buzzer. It clanked off the rim, forward Eugene Baah swatted the ball away, and the Tigers had earned their second consecutive win in as many nights.

BACK IN ACTION: Princeton center Nate Walton returned to the lineup against Weber State on Friday, after sitting out nearly two games with a sprained ankle.

Walton led Princeton in scoring with 15 points. He also grabbed five rebounds, and dished out three assists. Junior Mike Bechtold scored 14 points, including four three-pointers. Both were named to the all-tourna- ment team.

Smith led the Cardinals with 15 points and 10 rebounds. 5'10 junior guard Patrick Jackson chipped in 10 points and dished out five assists.

In order to get to the title game, Princeton had to fight off a bigger, more experienced Weber State Wildcats squad. The Tigers needed every player it could find in this one.

The Tigers led 26-25 at halftime, and stretched their lead to 52-44 late in the second when Weber State rallied, and tied the game at 55-55. Wildcats' guard John Hamilton scored his only bucket of the night on a three-point shot with three seconds left that tied the score and forced overtime.

Walton, making his return after missing nearly two games with a sprained ankle, fouled out near the end of regulation. Although he was held scoreless, he grabbed five rebounds and dished out a game high seven assists. Chapman, who finished with 11 points, left with five fouls not long after Walton's exit. The Tigers were forced to play the extra period without two of their top guns.

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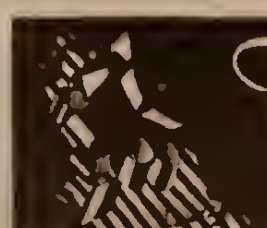

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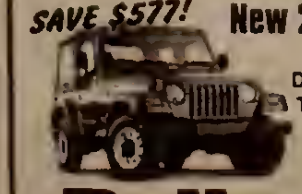

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Tiger Basketball

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After Wildcats' center Stephen Bachmann nailed two free throws, Logan stepped to the line and returned the favor. Princeton took the lead for good after two Baah free throws with 1:00 remaining.

Hamilton missed a three-point shot, and then sophomore guard Kyle Wente scored on a layup from the right side with 26 seconds remaining in overtime. After another Weber State miss, Baah grabbed the rebound, was fouled, and sank two free throws with :12 seconds left to give Princeton a 63-58 lead.

Point guard Stevie Morrison nailed two shots from the charity stripe for the Wildcats, trimming the Tigers' lead to 63-60 with five seconds left. Bechtold made two free throws with one second left to seal the victory.

Credit the Tigers' youth for the victory. Wente stepped up after halftime and scored 13 points. He was 4-for-4 from the field, including two three-pointers. Bechtold also finished with 13, and sank three treys. Freshman guard Ed Persia finished with 11, nine of those points coming from the three-point line. The Tigers made 12 three-pointers, but were out rebounded 40-23.

Damon King and Quynn Tebbs led Weber State with 13 points, while Bachmann added 11. The Wildcats' record dropped to 2-2 with the loss.

The Upcoming Week

Success in the First Merchants Bank Classic has given the Princeton players more confidence as they prepare for an away game with Lafayette on December 6, and their home opener against Xavier on December 9.

The Leopards leading scorer is 7'0, 218-pound senior center Frank Barr. He is averaging 13.8 points per game, is shooting 52% from the field, and has 18 blocks this season.

6'4 senior guard Tyson Whitfield is averaging 11.8 points per contest in only four games played. His 30 percent field goal shooting, 27 percent from the three-point stripe, is less than impressive.

Brian Burke leads the Leopards in assists with 38. The 6'5 junior guard is averaging 11.7 points per game, but his 17 turnovers so far this season stick out like a sore thumb.

Xavier's Only Loss

Point guard Tim Bieg stands only 5'11 tall, but his quick hands can be torture for the opposition. He has 17 steals this season, only five turnovers, and has dished out 14 assists. He is averaging 10.7 points per contest.

Xavier's only loss so far this season was a 61-46 setback at Wisconsin Saturday night. 6'0 senior guard Maurice McAfee is due for a breakout game. He is averaging just 7.8 points per game, and is second on the team in steals with eight. So far his final season has been somewhat of a disappointment.

The Musketeers' leading scorers are Kevin Frey and David West. Both are 6'8, and both are averaging 12 points per game. West has six blocks, seven steals, and leads the team with 10 rebounds per game. Frey is Xavier's leading free throw shooter at 81 percent.

6'4 freshman Romain Sato also has eight steals this season. He is averaging 11 points per game. 6'0 freshman guard Lionel Chalmers ia averaging 9.6 points, and leads the team with 16 steals. He is dishing out 4.4 assist per game. 6'10 senior center Reggie Butler is not a real threat to score, putting up 5.4 points per game, but he leads the team with nine blocked shots.

—Steve Allen

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Tiger Women Lose 66-47 to Delaware

Princeton Untversity women's basketball coach Kevin Morris has been presented with a challenge in his first season. The challenge has been to find a way to compensate for the number of injured players on his squad. With center Elizabeth Bramwell, forward Eileen Powers and guard Lauren Goldbleck out for the season, and sophomore guard Allison Cahill temporarily sidelined with a herniated disc, Morris' thin lineup has become a punching bag for opposing teams.

Princeton's closest game was against Kansas State on November 25, a 63-51 loss in the consolation game of the Beaver Classic. The Tigers' 66-47 loss to Delaware on November 30 was par for the course.

Poor shooting, 28.5 percent, and turnovers, 26 to be exact, led to Princeton's fourth loss in as many games. Its schedule doesn't get any easier, with four out of six games on the road in December, including a road game at Lafayette December 6, road games at Elon College, High Point College and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

If the Tigers' game against Delaware is any indication, then home court will not be much of an advantage this season. The bright spot in the loss to the Blue Hens was the play of sophomore forward Maureen Lane, who scored a team-high 15 points. She is averaging 11.75 points per game, and has the shot of the year so far with a three-point buzzer beater at the end of the first half.

Delaware scored 15 of 18 points early in the second half to ice the game. Seven Princeton turnovers during that stretch didn't help the team's cause. Princeton junior guard Lauren Rigney tallied 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the loss. Cindy Johnson led the Blue Hens with 17.

—Steve Allen

GRABBING A REBOUND: Christina Marshall-Parr pulled down a rebound between two Taran defenders in second quarter action. Marhall-Parr led all scorers with 25 points. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Girls' Hockey Loses Season Opener, 5-1

The Princeton Day girls' hockey team opened its season last Thursday, and discovered it has a way to go to compete on an even level with the better teams this winter.

The Panthers were overwhelmed, 5-1, by the Colonials Club of Morristown, and the shot totals indicate the game wasn't even that close. The visitors fired 56 shots at goalie Courtney Bergh, who must have seen pucks in her sleep that night, while the Panthers managed just seven.

The score rematned close through the first period, with the Colonials leading 1-0 at the end of the first 15 minutes. But they added four more tallies in the second to seal the outcome. The Blue and White avoided a shutout when Steph Friedman set up Betsy Welsh, the third of the prolific Welsh sisters. A ninth grader, Welsh didn't wait long to score the first goal of her varsity career. Her tally came with 5:10 left tn the final period.

Two more contests are on tap for coach Meghan Hishmeh's girls this week against club teams. They were scheduled to play the Selects this past Tuesday, and the Glaciers on Thursday.

Hun takes Third In Stuart Tourney

The Hun girls basketball team lost to Blair, but rebounded to win the consolation game of the Stuart Tip-Off tournament against Stuart Country Day during the past week.

In the consolation game, Hun rolled over Stuart 56-28 as junior Natalie Grossman led all scorers with 12 points. Kara Fitzpatrick chipped tn nine points, while Monica Hammond added eight points and grabbed ten rebounds. Joia Davis was the top scorer for Stuart with 10 points.

Grossman and Hammond were named to the All-Tournament team for Hun, while Davis and Angela Harrington were selected from Stuart.

The Raiders couldn't sneak past Blair in the opening game of the tournament, losing 34-30 in a low scoring affair. The Red and Black led 18-14 at halftime before being outscored 20-14 in the second half.

Hammond and Angela Johnson led Hun in scoring with seven points aplece. Blair's Sandy Ipek, who was also selected to the All-Tournament team, was high scorer in the game with 12 points.

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TWO OF TEN: Princeton Day's Ellie Davis scored on this shot against Stuart in the first period. She finished with 10 points. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PDS Girls' Basketball Opens with Win, Loss

The Princeton Day girls' basketball team opened its season as usual with the Stuart Tip-Off Tournament, and faced the same two teams, Stuart and Blair, as it did a year ago.

The results were the same, but the order was different. This time the Panthers faced the Tartans in the first round, and won, 54-26. That put them in the championship against Blair, but again PDS had no luck against the north Jersey school, which features a 6'4 center.

Against Stuart last Saturday, PDS opened a 10-7 lead in the first quarter, and extended that every period thereafter. The outcome was essentially sealed by halftime, with Princeton Day leading 24-9. Christina Marshall-Parr, back for her senior year, picked up where she left off last winter, scoring 25 points.

Ellie Davis, another senior who skipped sports as a junior, collected 10 points, and Rachel Scarpato chipped in with nine. Joia Davis led Stuart with eight points.

Sunday Facing Blair

Facing Blair Sunday afternoon, the Panthers had to contend with Arek Deng, Blair's 6'4 center. There was no way to really stop Deng once she got the ball, and she tallied 23 for the Buccaneers. PDS fell behind at the start, and was down 10 points at the half, 23-13. But in the third period, PDS outscored Blair 11 to two at one point, and closed to within five, 33-28.

That was as close as the Blue and White would get. Deng scored the next four, and Blair pulled away to a 53-37 triumph.

This week, PDS will take on Solebury on Friday, and then find itself having to play Blair on the road on Friday. The Panthers have a new head coach, Leslie Darling, who was T.J. Costello's assistant last winter. They have also moved up to Prep A, after winning the Prep B title a year ago with a 16-5 record.

Princeton High Hockey Loses 3-2 to Steinert

The Princeton High boys' hockey team opened the season against Steinert Monday, and the results were not what head coach Paul Merrow expected. The Tigers managed only 20 shots on goal in a disappointing 3-2 loss.

The Spartans' Chad Daniels scored with six minutes remaining in the opening period to give his team a 1-0 lead. Michael Ruppert increased Steinert's lead to 2-0 with 11 minutes left in the second period after taking a pass from teammate Jared Daly.

Still in the second period, Mike Chatham found Frank Doroba for the Spartans' third goal. Princeton rallied, scoring twice in the period. Kevan Graydon slapped a shot in goal, and Jason Diamond added another goal with 8:45 left to cut the lead to 3-2. Neither team was able to find the net in the final period.

Princeton goalie Travis Hall stopped 23 Spartans' shots in goal, while Steinert goalie Mike Makovec stopped 18 Tigers' shots.

Hanson Out for Season; PHS Hockey Must Adjust

Paul Merrow begins his sixth season as the boys' hockey coach at Princeton High. This team may find it difficult to match last season's 19-6-1 overall record. Gone are Eric Kreiger and Terrence Miller, who combined for 40 goals during the 1999-2000 campaign, and Kyle Hanson, who will miss the season after rupturing his spleen in practice November 22.

Tigers senior forward Kevan Graydon is back for this his final season, and it looks as though he will have to do most of the scoring. Someone has to fill the void left by Hanson, a solid offensive player who averaged 60 points per season during his career as a Tiger. He tallied 32 goals last season.

Graydon, Hanson and sophomore forward Jason Diamond were expected to be on the line together this season. Sophomore Peter Foster will probably replace Hanson. The other two candidates are senior Justin Lauri and sophomore Mike Mann.

The defense is very inexperienced, and will probably present the greatest challenge for Merrow. Occupying the goalie spot this season will be either Travis Hall, a junior, or Justin Strasburger, a sophomore. Senior Mike Cifuentes, and juniors Kevin Kovacs, Sam Morrow and Alex Gecan will be defensemen. Cifeuntes and Kovacs are the most experienced defenders, while the rest are considered, "green." No matter. Merrow's teams always have success.

There's nothing this squad wants more than to steal the Valley Division from rival Notre Dame. The one goal overtime loss to the Irish in the Mercer County Tournament finals last season should give the Tigers incentive to not only advance deep into the state tournament again, but to wear the crown as division champs.

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IN GOAL FOR PRINCETON DAY: Armand Buzantian suffered his first defeat in goal for PDS, when the Panthers came up a goal short in a 5-4 loss to Kingswood-Oxford last Saturday. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Panther Hockey Captures Two Of First Three

The Princeton Day hockey team opened its season last week, winning two of its first three contests, which got progressively more difficult. The first was a rout, the second a close encounter, and the third a loss.

Entering his fourth year at the helm, coach Chris Barcless will have to guide his team through another ambitious schedule that includes all the top teams in the state, such as Lawrenceville, Delbarton and Seton Hall, plus a couple of New England schools. The Blue and White will also participate in the Buckingham/Browne & Nichols tournament over the holidays.

Barcless would want nothing less challenging, and the last three years he has proved his teams can stand up to the rigors of a tough schedule. Last year Princeton Day finished with a 18-5-2 mark, and Barcless' three year record is 58-11-4.

Wednesday's Rout

The Panthers didn't have to work up much of a sweat to capture their season's opener last Wednesday, knocking off Upland Country Day, 8-1. The first period ended with the teams tied at 1-1, but the rout was on in the second and third periods when PDS scored seven times.

It took the Blue and White just 53 seconds to get on the scoreboard. Rich Burby collected a loose puck and sending it to John Garrett-Denise right in front of the net. Upland tied the score near the end of the opening frame.

In the second a pair of power play goals gave PDS a 3-1 lead and it never looked back. Andy Latyszonek notched the first with about two minutes gone, and Ross Carmichael followed up with another, his first of two. The visitors were then handed their own power play, but coach Chris Barcless' boys wasted no time turning that advantage their own way. Denise tallied a shorthanded goal with 5:47 remaining.

PDS kept pouring it on in the third. Just 52 seconds into the final 15 minutes Burby picked up his third assist, this time on a Mike Crowley goal. Not content with that he scored his own goal on a slap shot with PDS a man up. Art Mittnacht also scored for the Panthers, Scott Schaub collected two assists as did Evan Joye.

Now in his senior year Armand Buzantian made 15 saves in goal.

Friday's Match-Up

Friday's contest against Rye Country Day was more of an even match-up, but the Panthers still prevailed, 3-1. This time senior forward Ian Andreotta led the winners' attack with a goal and an assist. Sophomore Ross Carmichael got things rolling when he scored in the first period, assisted by Tim Firth. The visitors' only goal in the second period produced a 1-1 tie for a few minutes, but Andreotta then set up Rich Burby to put PDS ahead to stay.

Andreotta then scored an insurance tally in the third to lock up the outcome. PDS outshot Rye, 28-14, and Buzantian stopped 13 of the 14.

Saturday's Loss

On Saturday afternoon, one of those New England schools, Kingswood Oxford, came down from Connecticut, and handed PDS its first loss, 5-4. The Panthers were in this seesaw struggle all the way, but came up just short at the end. Carmichael scored his first of two goals in the first period, giving PDS a lead it would hold into the second stanza. Firth and Andreotta assisted on the goal.

However, the Kingswood skaters began to shake off the long bus ride in the second, and tallied twice, while holding PDS scoreless. In the third, Denise set up Carmichael for his second goal, and when Schaub tallied a few minutes later, PDS looked to be in control again, 3-2. Not so; the visitors tallied the next pair for a 4-3 advantage.

Carmichael returned the favor to Denise, assisting on his goal to bring PDS into a 4-4 tie, but Kingswood scored again minutes later for a 5-4 lead. This time PDS had no answer. The Panthers enjoyed a 31-18 edge in shots, but it didn't prove to be any advantage. Buzantian had 13 saves.

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Hun Boys Skate Over Notre Dame And Lawrence

The Hun Raiders have skated to an impressive 2-0 record, defeating Notre Dame and Lawrence in high school hockey action during the past week.

The Raiders used its game against Lawrence for target practice December 4, scoring at will in all three periods for a 10-0 win. Montreal post-graduate Jonathan Poirer led the team with four goals, all coming in the first period.

Junior forwards Ross Adams and Mike O'Neil, and senior defensemen Conor Ryan and Scott Rosenblum were all credited with assists on the goals.

Sophomore defenseman Matt Kennedy added a goal off an assist from Wes Lou and Brad Shade, O'Neil scored off an assist from Poirer, and Adams scored off an assist from Poirer, all in the second period.

Chris Kucher, freshman forward, scored in the final period off an assist from Lou, who was also credited with an unassisted goal in the period. Shade added another goal in the period for the final margin.

Hun had 45 shots on goal for the game, while senior Mike Tenney stopped nine shots on the other side.

Versus Notre Dame

It was bitter cold outside, but Ice Land was heated Friday as Hun and Notre Dame faced off in the season opener for both teams. The Raiders skated away with a 5-2 victory, thanks to Adams' two goals.

Adams scored early in the opening period after defenseman Justin Lambert intercepted a clearing attempt, and whipped a pass back to Adams. He slapped the puck past Notre Dame goalie Pat Hannigan for the Red and Black's first goal.

Notre Dame's Tom Stronski answered with a goal off an assist from junior forward Kyle Monahan to tie the score.

Hun junior forward Jared Innocenzi and Poirier set up Adams for another score, this one coming in the second period. Rosenblum followed with a goal off an assist from Adams to give the Raiders a 3-1 lead.

Stronski cut the lead to 3-2 after taking a pass from Dan Federico and slapping the puck past Hun senior goalie Joe Lamoreux with just under 11 minutes remaining in the period.

Not to be outdone, Innocenzi gave Hun a 4-2 lead with a goal just out of Hannigan's reach five minutes later. Kucher knocked in a Ronald Petrosky rebound shot for the final margin in the third period.

Hun's next challenge will be a home game against Hopewell Valley, scheduled for December 6. Game time is 3:30.

—Steve Allen

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OBITUARIES

J. Kenneth Dorey, 79, of Montgomery, died Monday at Somerset Medicaf Center.

Born and raised in Blawenburg, he was a lifelong area resident.

He retired after 25 years as a business analyst and auditor with Western Electric and AT&T.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He was a member and treasurer of Blawenburg Reform Church, past fire commissioner and treasurer of Blawenburg Fire Co. 2, and treasurer of Princeton Shrine Club and the Telephone Pioneers. He was a member of Hopeweff Masonic Lodge 155; Crescent Temple Shrine, Trenton; Scottish Rite, Trenton; Princeton Elks; and Princeton Masonic Lodge.

He graduated from Rider College.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy; two sons, Jack of Fairless Hills, Pa., and Chris of Blawenburg; a daughter, Sheila Lichy of Salem, Ore.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday at Blawenburg Reform Church. Burial will be in Blawenburg Cemetery.

Calling hours will be 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Cromwell Memorial Home, 71 East Prospect Street, Hopewell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bfawenburg Reform Church Memoriaf Fund, Route 518, Blawenburg 08504; or Blawenburg Fire Co., Route 518, Blawenburg 08504.

Ida Phillips Babcock, 86, of Princeton, died November 30 at St. Peter's Medicaf Center, New Brunswick.

Born in Hopewell, she was a Princeton resident most of her life.

She was a member of Princeton United Methodist Church.

Wife of the fate William Cranston, who died in 1960, and Jacob Babcock, who died in 1972, she is survived by a son, Alfred B. Cranston of Tichnor, Ariz.; a sister, Elsie Morrow of Alpha; and a grandson.

Funeraf was December 5 at Kimble Funeral Home. Interment was in Old School Baptist Church Cemetery, Hopewell.

Elias H. Hochman, 64, of Doylestown, Pa., died December 2 at home.

Born in New York, he was a 30-year resident of West Windsor.

He worked at the R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research fnstitute, most recently on a project involving data mining of the corporate chemical library.

He graduated from Stuyvesant High School in New York and the City University of New York. He received a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in mathematics from New York University.

He was a founding member of the West Windsor Twin W Rescue Squad and a Little League coach and fndian Guide leader.

He is survived by is wife, Coralie; a son, Jonathan of Doylestown; a daughter, Jill Jones of Charfotte, N.C., and two grandsons.

There will be a cefebration of life for famify and friends from 7 to 9 pm. Friday at his home in Doylestown.

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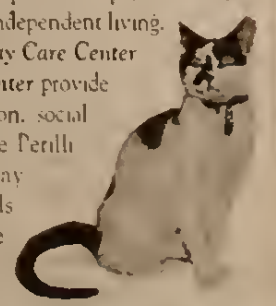
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The 9:15 and 11 a.m. services will be based on the order of worship used at Bach's St Thomas Church in Leipzig in the early 18th century. The sermon by David A. Davis and the Cantata are based on the Gospel reading as prescribed in the fectionary, Matthew 25: 1-13, the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. The cantata was written in 1731 for the 27th Sunday after Trinity.

Bach chose as the basis for the Cantata, the hymn *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, (Wake, Awake the Voices Call Us) which had been especially assigned to the 27th Sunday after Trinity. In Leipzig schedules of Bach's time, it even occupies the principal position among the hymns to be sung on this day. The great hymn and melody by Philipp Nicolai (1599) is used in sections 1, 4, and 7, of the cantata.

An added feature to these services will be youth prodigy, Mariam Nazarian, who will play sections of the Concerto in D Minor by Bach accompanied by the string orchestra, as the music before and after the service.

Bulletin Notes

Thomas Culp, an investigator for the N.J. Division of Criminal Justice at the Office of Bias Crimes and Community Relations, will speak on "Hate and the Internet" at the **Princeton United Methodist Church's** Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 10. It will be held in the private dining room at Princeton Theological Seminary.

All are welcome to attend. Cost is $7 for the breakfast and program. For reservations, call the church office, 924-2613, by December 8 at noon.

The community is invited to "Christmastide," **Princeton United Methodist Church's** annual Christmas pageant presented by the youth of the church.

It will take place at the church, 7 Vandeventer Avenue, Sunday, December 10, at 6 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Town Topics welcomes letters to the editor on subjects specifically related to the Princeton area. Letters ***must have a valid signature, street address and/or organizational affiliation.*** Priority will be given to letters that are typed, doubled spaced, and received for publication no later than Monday noon for publication in that week's edition. Letters longer than 500 words may be edited or omitted entirely.

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Amnesty Int'l Prisoner of Conscience, 30

Abdulhelil Abdumijit

We the Members of *Amnesty International Mercer Country Group 67* are deeply disturbed, saddened and shocked by the violent death of a "Prisoner of Conscience" we had adopted, *Abdulhelil Abdumijit*, a 30 year old street vendor from Gulja in Xingjiang Uighurs Autonomous Region (XUAR), Peoples Republic of China.

Abdulhelil was brutally tortured and killed in the Chapchal prison on October 17. His wife and 3 children were denied access to his body which was buried in a shallow grave.

Abdulhelil was the leader of a youth organization, a "Meshrep", that provided social and moral support to young Uighurs, but that had been banned by Chinese authorities. Abdulhelil was one of hundreds of people arrested following a peaceful demonstration in Gulja, on February 5, 1997. He and other Uighurs expressed their concern about growing racial, economic, religious, and cultural discrimination suffered by their people in the Xingjiang Uighur Autonomous Region (XUAR).

In lieu of flowers, please write to the *Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China, Ambassador Li Zhaoxing, 2300 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington DC 20008.* Please demand a thorough and impartial investigation into the death of Abdulhelil Abdumijit and all allegations of torture. Also please ask that those found responsible be brought to justice as called for by Chinese law.

For further information please call Bob Fleming at 609-924-6253.

Obituaries

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Arthur Wellesley Brecknell, 85, of Belle Mead, died November 27 at home.

Born in Stratford, Conn., he was a resident of Belle Mead since 1954.

He received a B.S. in accounting from Syracuse University and served in the Navy during World War ff.

He retired in 1986 from Harris Structural Steel, South Plainfield, after ten years.

He was a member of Trinity Church and a former member of the St. Bartholomew Club in New York City.

He was a semi-professional photographer and played a variety of instruments.

He is survived by his wife, Ursula C. Brecknell; two daughters, Leslie C. Brecknell Godinez of Fremont, Calif., and Pamela Brecknell Lewkowicz of Paris, France; a brother, George of New York City; and four grandchildren.

Funeral was Saturday from the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. Burial was in Rocky Hill Cemetery.

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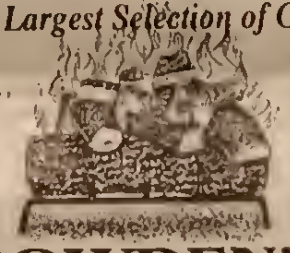

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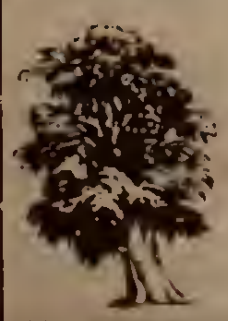
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RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETINGS
(Open Public Meetings Act, Secs 4a & 3d)

I Resolution as to 2001 SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON (Open Public Meetings Act, Sec 13)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Housing Authority of the Borough of Princeton that

1 The following is hereby established as the schedule of the regular meetings of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Princeton to be held during 2001

Date	Time	Location
2nd Wednesday of each month (except August)	5 30 P M	2 Clay Street Clay Street Learning Center

JAN 10	APR 11	JUL 11	OCT 10
FEB 14	MAY 9	AUG none	NOV 14
MAR 14	JUN 13	SEP 12	DEC 12
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2 For the purpose of public inspection, a copy of this resolution shall be forthwith

(a) posted at Borough Hall, and shall remain so posted throughout 2001,

(b) mailed to the Princeton Packet, Town Topics

(c) filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Princeton,

(d) mailed to those persons who have requested and paid the charge for copies of the schedule and revisions thereto, and shall be promptly mailed to those persons who shall hereafter make such request and prepay such charge

II RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETINGS (Open Public Meetings Act, Secs 4a and 3d)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Housing Authority of the Borough of Princeton that

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to cause adequate notice to be given of every meeting of this body to be held during 2001 except only those meetings that are (a) shown on the duly adopted and disseminated 2001 schedule of regular meetings or revisions thereof, or (b) limited to matters of urgency, and as to which this body authorizes a meeting without adequate notice as provided by Section 4b of the Open Meetings Act or (c) limited only to consideration of items as to which the public may be excluded pursuant to Section 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act

2 The adequate notice required under Paragraph 1 of this resolution shall be substantially in the following form

NOTICE OF MEETING
OF
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON

_____
(Insert Date)

Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the Borough of Princeton will hold a meeting on _____ (Date) at _____ (Time), _____ (Location)

The agenda for said meeting, to the extent known and a statement whether or not formal action may be taken as to items on the agenda, are as follows

Agenda Item — Formal Action Expected

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON

By: _____

3 Said notice, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, shall be

(a) prominently posted at Borough Hall,

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III RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER (Open Public Meetings Act, Sec ed)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON THAT the Princeton Packet is hereby designated as the official newspaper of this body to receive the schedule revisions in the schedule the notices of the meetings of this body during 2001 as required by Sect on 13 and 3d of the Open Public Meetings Act

IV RESOLUTION AS TO FIXING CHARGE FOR MEETING NOTICES (Open Public Meetings Act, Sec 13)

BE IT RESO VED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON that

1 A charge of $15 00 is hereby fixed to cover the cost of providing the 2001 schedule of regular meetings revisions of said schedule and advance notice to each person who requests the same as provided by Section 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act

2 Said schedule shall abate at the rate of $1 00 to each full calendar year and the date such request is submitted

3 Payment of said charge shall accompany said request and shall be payable to this body or such other public agency as this body shall from time to time designate

4 All such requests for notices shall terminate as of Midnight on December 31, 2001

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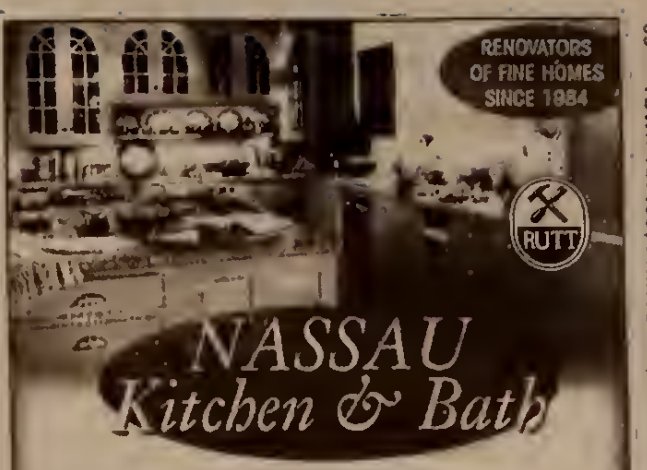

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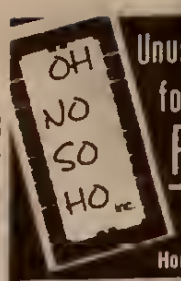

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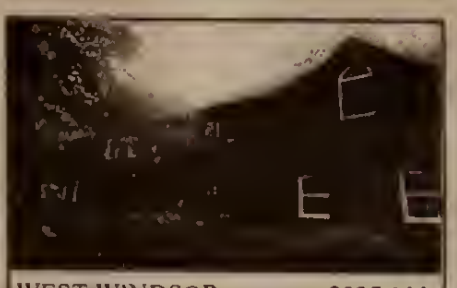

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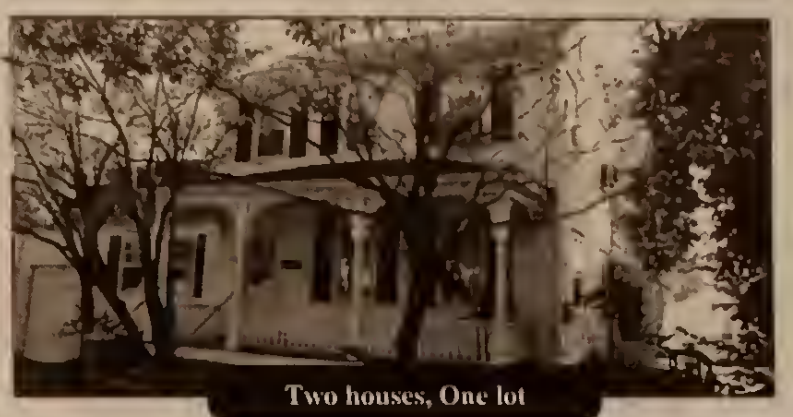

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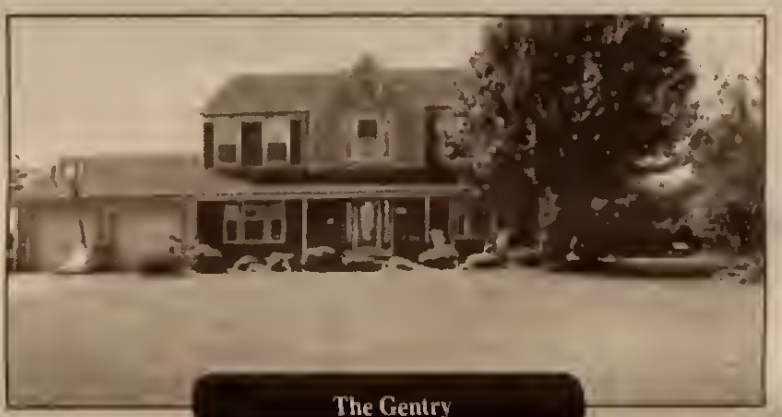

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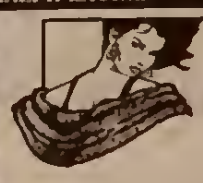

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